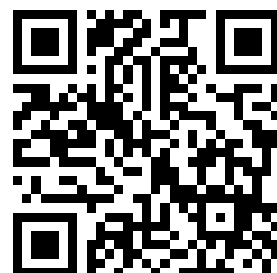

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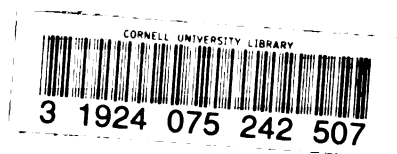
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FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 1908.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1880.

NOTICE is hereby given that the following Ratepayers, duly qualified under Article XIX of the Land Regulations, have been proposed and seconded, and have given their written consent to serve, if elected, as Councillors for the Foreign Community of Shanghai, for the Municipal year 1908 :—

- A. W. Burkill
- D. Coath
- D. Landale
- W. D. Little
- A. D. Lowe
- R. S. F. McBain
- J. H. McMichael
- O. Meuser
- W. A. C. Platt
- J. Prentice
- C. Stepharius

Mr. G. W. Noel being the only nominee by registered landowners has been elected Land Commissioner for the Foreign Settlement of Shanghai for 1908.

By order,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, January 16, 1908.

THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

At the meeting of the Council held in the Board Room on Wednesday, January 8, 1908, at 4.30 p.m., there are present :

- Messrs. D. Landale (*Chairman*)
- A. W. Burkill
 - J. C. Hanson
 - W. D. Little
 - A. D. Lowe
 - J. H. McMichael
 - O. Meuser
 - J. Prentice
 - E. B. Skottowe
 - The Secretary and Assistant Secretary.

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Volunteers.

Chinese Company.—Upon the recommendation of the Commandant a commission is authorized for issue to Captain L. J. Cubitt, to command the Company with effect from September 16, upon which date he actually took charge.

Police.

Foreign Branch.—The resignation of Sergeant McQuillan has been accepted with effect from January 3.

Indian Branch.—Upon the recommendation of the Captain-Superintendent the following special gratuities are authorized for issue :—

To Sergeant Dal Singh, No. 132, \$54 as compensation for very severe injuries received in the riot of 1905.

To Sergeant Vir Singh, No. 241, \$50 as compensation for severe injuries received in a street fight on July 23, 1906.

Chinese Branch.—With respect to the medical supervision of the Chinese Branch of the Force a report by the Captain-Superintendent is submitted to the effect that, under the present system of informal supervision in the Shantung Road and St. Luke's Hospitals, malingering is to some extent rife. It is the joint proposal of himself and the Health Officer that, upon the arrival of the second Assistant Health Officer, the work be undertaken by the Health Department. For this purpose the lease of two or more Native Houses will be obtained convertible for use as a small hospital and dispensary.

Watch and Cycle "Clubs."—Successive reports by the Captain-Superintendent are considered dealing with certain so-called clubs which partake of the nature of raffles or lotteries, and the objectionable feature whereof is that they cannot be wound-up or discontinued without loss to existing subscribers. The Watch Committee has directed that careful Police supervision be exercised over these clubs, with a view to preventing fraud or any infringement of the By-law respecting lotteries.

The system upon which these hazardous devices are based is one of weekly payments by a group of contributors, to each of whom in turn is issued a watch or other article, and who upon its receipt ceases to be a member; thereupon his place is taken by a new contributor and the process is repeated.

More than seventy "clubs" are at present in operation, and the recent suspension of one of them, the conductors of which have disappeared, has emphasized the risk which the public runs by participating therein.

Gaol.

Administration.—In continuation of the proposals formulated last summer, vide minute of July 10, 1907, the Council now directs the formal incor-

poration of the Gaol establishment as a branch of Police work, under the Captain-Superintendent. By this step the separate post of Superintendent of the Gaol is abolished, and the Chairman of the Watch Committee, in introducing the subject for final consideration, lays stress upon the fact that the measure is considered advisable for the adequate control of the whole of the native prisoners in Municipal custody; he takes the opportunity to record an expression of the Council's appreciation and thanks for the work which Colonel Watson has done in the management of the Gaol during the past five years.

Riot of 1905.

As the result of certain informal inquiries as to the claim for damage to Municipal property during the riot of December 1905, and after reference to the minutes on the subject early in last year, it is decided to address the Senior Consul officially, withdrawing the claim, the basis of which is open to the widest difference of opinion :—

Council Room,
Shanghai, January 9, 1908.

SIR,—I have the honour to allude to the letter of my predecessor dated December 22, 1905, in which the Council gave notice of its intention to submit a claim against the Chinese Government for the damage to Municipal property wrought by the mob in the riot which had then recently taken place in the Settlement.

In March of last year this matter again engaged the attention of the Council, and it was decided that no useful purpose would be served by pressing a claim the equity of which had given rise to considerable discussion and was at least open to doubt.

The payment during the past few weeks of numerous private claims for loss and compensation has again brought the matter into prominence, and the Council by unanimous vote has decided to withdraw officially its earlier application. I have therefore to request that an intimation in this sense may be conveyed to the Taotai, with an expression of the Council's hope that the cordial relations now existing with the local native authorities may continue.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your obedient servant,
DAVID LANDALE,
Chairman.

D. SIFFERT, Esq.,
Consul-General for Belgium,
and Senior Consul.

Health Department.

Cattle Supply.—With reference to the arrangements for transport of cattle from Tangyang now in practice, the total number arriving by rail is reported to have amounted to 3,240 during the past quarter or about half the total supply. This is regarded as not unsatisfactory, and the Council is of opinion that in order to eliminate the Pahsienjao hongs the traffic by rail should be stimulated by perseverance in the method of purchasing and bringing down cattle under the direct supervision of the Health Department, at the rate of one hundred per week in the first place. It is hoped that by such cautious and gradual action, the result of reduction in the price of beef to the rate ruling at the beginning of last year, may be attained.

Public Swimming Bath.—A report by the Health Officer is adopted, alluding to the need for further dressing and adequate drying accommodation at the Bath together with other work. The two floors of the tower will be converted into a lounge, and the ventilation of the building, which was found defective during the hot weather, will also be improved by the remodelling of the windows so as to admit more air. The total cost involved including minor alterations is estimated at Tls. 3,256.

This work will be begun at an early date so that it may be completed before the re-opening of the Bath after winter. It is noted in this connexion that the net cost of maintenance during the year has amounted to Tls. 1,500 and, in discussion as to increasing the scale of fees, the Council is generally averse to this course, in the view that if adopted it might tend to deprive the Bath of the public and popular character which it has been the aim hitherto to foster.

Slave Girls Refuge.

A letter from the treasurer of this institution requests that the grant of Tls. 1,000 be re-inserted in the forthcoming Budget. The grant to the Refuge was issued in recognition of the public work performed in housing stray children found by the Police in the streets, and it is decided in reply to state that so long as the Committee of the Refuge consents to this arrangement the grant will be continued.

Public School for Chinese.

From the minutes of the meeting of the School Committee it is observed that the School will close on January 24 for the holidays, re-assembling on February 17.

Road Extensions and Widenings.

The purchase of the following areas of native land for new roads in the Eastern District is noted as complete:—

(a.) For the *Baikal Road*, between the Yangtsepoo and Lay Roads, Mow 31.820 at a cost of Tls. 4,688.95.

(b.) For the *Dalny Road*, between the Yangtsepoo and East Scott Roads, Mow 14.450 at a cost of Tls. 3,254.50.

(c.) For the extension of the *East Yuhang and Kalgan Roads* from the present termination of the former at the East Hongkew Market to the Settlement Boundary, Mow 4.6 at a cost of Tls. 767.20.

Mohawk and Bubbling Well Roads.—The revised claim of the Committee of the Jewish Cemetery is accepted in respect to the corner of Cadastral lot 1475, being at the newly assessed value plus 10 per cent, and it is decided to offer the sum of Tls. 500 for the re-statement work involved.

Public Lighting.

The Engineer's report with schedule and plan relating to the revision of the lighting of the Western District is submitted and approved. A large majority of the proposed new lights are laid down now for erection in the future, and it is noted that each section of the work will require special sanction.

Developments in electric incandescent lighting appliances in the near future may result in considerable modification of the proposals for streets other than those through which the tramway passes.

Land Commission.

Mr. F. Anderson is unanimously elected to be the Council's representative on the Commission for the Municipal Year 1908-9.

Municipal Properties.

Cadastral Lot 168.—Letter from Messrs. Markt & Co. is read proposing to terminate the lease of Cadastral lot 168 at the end of February. Since it now appears probable that these premises will be required at an early date for the expansion of the Central Offices, and in accordance with the recommendation of the Watch Committee, it is decided to accept the offer.

Parks and Open Spaces.

The minutes of the meeting of the Parks Committee of December 31 are read and confirmed. There were present:—

Messrs. R. H. Beauchamp (Chairman),
A. E. Algar,
C. D. Kerr,
J. H. Teesdale,
The Assistant Engineer,
The Superintendent of Parks and
The Secretary.

Soochow Creek Foreshore.—The Superintendent states that the work of clearing these grass plots of materials is completed except the extreme eastern section, and that the work of turfing will be undertaken forthwith.

Hongkew Recreation Ground.—The Committee is informed that Mr. F. K. Ward, Assistant Master in the Public School, is willing to undertake the duties connected with the allocation of playing grounds, and, from the absence from complaint, the Committee assumes that the various applicants for reservations have up to the present been satisfied with the arrangements which he has made.

A sketch plan with explanatory notes, showing amended proposals for laying out the whole of the Ground, is submitted, and generally approved with the following notes:—

(a)—The members are opposed to any carriage drive being made within the Ground, since the road constituting the southern and western borders will afford ample facilities in this direction.

(b)—An entrance gate will be made in the North Szechuen Road about 200 yards from the north-west corner of the Ground.

(c)—It will be necessary to culvert the small section of creek on the west of the present entrance, and to remove the rockery now surrounding it, which work, however, in the Committee's opinion, may be postponed for the present.

(d)—The Superintendent is directed to remove the plantation groves of trees remaining in the Ground at the earliest possible date.

Bund Foreshore.—It is decided to remove the small line of turf and tarmacadam, the space between the top of the slope and the pathway, which owing to its position is continuously in a bad condition.

Tenders.

The following are authorized for acceptance:—

Construction of a jarrah-wood dolphin, strut, etc., and mooring pontoon to the existing Peking Road pontoon, The Vulcan Ironworks, Ltd., Tls. 470.

Constructing a jarrah-wood decking at the Chekiang Road Bridge, The Ewo Timber Depôt, as follows:—

406 sq. yds. of footway,	
Tls. 4.23	Tls. 1,717.38
480 sq. yds. of carriage-	
way. Tls. 8.30	„ 3,984.00
Angle iron	„ 40.00
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	Tls. 5,741.38

Constructing foundations, brickwork and boundary wall of Tsingtau granite, at the Garden Bridge South approach Messrs. Stolz and Kind, 40 chang Tls. 77 per chang, Tls. 3,080.

Supply and erection of wrought iron railing for boundary wall Garden Bridge South approach, Soy Chong, 40 bays Tls. 18.50 per bay, Tls. 740.

Supply and erection of handrails, joists and gratings, at the Electricity Works, The Vulcan Ironworks, Ltd., Tls. 863.

The meeting adjourns at 6.45 o'clock p.m.

The following documents are forwarded for publication with the foregoing minutes:—

Police Report.

Return of apprehensions, etc., made during the week ending Friday, January 10, 1908.

Offences.	No. of apprehensions.
Abduction	0
Abseonding	0
Arson	0
Assault	11
Attempted suicide	0
Breach of Garbage Regulations	3
Breach of Municipal Regulations	49
Burglary	3
Burglary attempted	0
Committing nuisance	364
Cruelty to animals	1
Cutting and wounding	0
Drunkenness	0
Embezzlement	0
Extortion	7
Fighting and creating disturbance	14
Firing crackers and burning josspaper ..	0

Forgery	1
Fraud	0
Furious driving	4
Gambling	6
Kidnapping	4
Illegal arrest	0
Ill-treating women or children	0
Larceny	44
Loitering or suspicion for larceny	10
Manslaughter	0
Misdemeanor	9
Murder	0
Obstruction	203
Obtaining money under false pretences.	6
Plying for hire without licence	0
Receiving stolen property	2
Returning from deportation	3
Robbery	0
Rogues, vagabonds and suspicious characters	0
Soliciting prostitution	3
Unlawful possession	2
Uttering	0
Wilful damage to property	0
Miscellaneous cases	10
Ricsha licences suspended	859
Wheelbarrow licences suspended	86
Handcart licence suspended	4
Beggars, hawkers and ragpickers	614
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Total number of persons coming under the notice of the Police	2322
Chinese dead bodies found in streets ...	11
Unmuzzled dogs captured	25
Unmuzzled dogs shot	10

C. D. BRUCE,

Captain-Superintendent of Police.

Health Department.**Notification of Infectious Disease.**

The following have been reported during the week ending Sunday, January 12, 1908.	Deaths among Chinese population of 530,000.	Cases notified among Non-Chinese population of 14,500.
Small-pox.	20	8
Cholera.	0	0
Typhoid Fever.	—	2
Diphtheria.	1	3
Scarlet Fever.	0	
Tuberculosis.	12	1
Total Deaths from all Causes	170	5

ARTHUR STANLEY,

Health Officer.

Engineer's Report for December 1907.

Works in Progress.—Western Police Depôt, Sikh Gurdwara, Boundary walls and Watchman's house, Soldiers' Cemetery. Boundary walls at Gaol. New cells, Sinza Police Station. Drying-room, Yangtszepoo Police Station. Offices, quarters, transformer station and foundations for boilers, machinery, etc., at Electricity Works.

Garden Bridge. Chekiang Road Bridge. Passenger Pontoons. Laying 2'3" x 1'6" concrete sewer along Weihaiwei Road between Mohawk Road and Chungking Road. Laying 12" concrete sewer, mudfilling, bricking and metalling a 12-foot strip of Mandalay Road for a distance of 400 feet west of Mohawk Road. Kerbing, channelling and concrete-paving Szechuen Road between Nanking Road and Jinkee Road. Mudfilling to Boundary Road. Mudfilling to Kalgan Road and East Yuhang Road Extension. Bricking and metalling Cunningham Road. Laying 3 feet diameter culvert Lay Road at Rangoon Road. North and South Approaches to Garden Bridge.

Works Finally Completed.—Road Widening at Jessfield Road near Brenan Road. Metalling 12-ft. strip of Great Western Road for a distance of 520 feet west of Seymour Road. Repairs to bunding along Yangking-pang. Mudfilling and laying 3 feet diameter culvert in Thorburn Road. Laying 2'3" x 1'6" concrete sewer along Kwenming Road Extension. Mudfilling to Road Extension 7C E.

Garden Bridge.—The rivetting of both spans was completed on the 20th instant. The old bridge is now being demolished. The wood block paving on the bridge itself is virtually completed and the cement concrete footways are well in hand. The tramway track has been laid on the bridge and down the South Approach and the paving of this latter portion is being proceeded with. The granite pylons on the wing walls of the abutments have been constructed to the footway level.

Chekiang Road Bridge.—The erection of this bridge was completed on the 21st instant. The rivetting is being pushed on and it is expected that the decking will be proceeded with about the middle of January.

Passenger Pontoons (Bund Foreshore).—The new Passenger Pontoons for the Bund foreshore were launched on the 18th instant, and have since been moored. They are now complete with the exception of the final coat of paint.

Works Completed on Road Widening and Extensions from December 1 to December 15.—Works have been completed on Great Western Road, Seymour Road, Extension No. 26 and 30 W., Foochow Road, Shantung Road, Cunningham Road, North Szechuen Road, Kansuh Road. South Tsepoo Road, North Soochow Road and North Elgin Road, as shown by the following table:—

Heading.	Unit.	Districts.				Total.
		W.	C.	N.	E.	
<i>Drainage.</i>						
Cleaning Ditches... ..	ft. run			1040		1040
3'0" Culverts laid	"				28	28
6" Drains laid.....	"		29	29		58
Street gullies laid	Nos.	3	2	3	14	22
Brick manholes constructed ...	"	2				2
Retaining walls constructed ...	"	1				1
<i>Roads.</i>						
Bricking.....	ft. run	1684				1684
Metalling	"	1684				1684
Stone Kerb & Channel reprd...	"	—				—
Concrete ditto laid	"		662	500		1162
Chippaved margins relaid ...	"		195			195
<i>Foot Pavements.</i>						
Concrete paving laid	"		326	444		770
<i>Miscellaneous.</i>						
M. C. R. Stones fixed	Nos.	33				33

Works Completed on Existing Roads.

The following is a tabulated statement of the different works completed from December 1 to December 15, 1907 :—

Heading.	Unit.	Districts.				Total.
		W.	C.	N.	E.	
<i>Drainage.</i>						
Tidal ditches cleaned	ft. run	10616		1025	5250	16891
Sewers cleaned	"	404				404
12" Sewers laid	"			93		93
9" Sewers laid	"	16				16
6" Drain laid	"			16		16
Brick manholes constructed ...	Nos.			2		2
Manhole covers renewed.....	"	3				3
Retaining walls built	"	2				2
<i>Roads.</i>						
Metalling	ft. run		871		18	871
Stone Kerband Channel repaired	"		420			420
Chippaved margins repaired ...	"				28	28
Chippaved carriageways laid	"			867		867
Chippaved carriageways repaired	"				80	80
Rolling and sanding	"				850	850
Macadam roads repaired	"	373	2529		5943	8845
<i>Foot Pavements.</i>						
Chippaved footways repaired ...	"				53	53
Macadam footways repaired ...	"	2922				2922
<i>Miscellaneous.</i>						
M. C. R. Stones fixed	Nos.	2				2
Public Gas lamps erected	"	1	1			2
Public Electric arc lamps erected	"		2			2
Telephone poles erected	"	2	2	22		26
Electrical poles erected	"		4		5	9

Cleansing.

Sixty-one cartloads of garbage 2,623 cartloads of road detritus and 2,354 cartloads of gully deposit were collected during the month.

Quarry.

3,924 tons of road materials have been received during the month from the Council's Quarry.

Concrete Ware.

The following concrete ware has been made at the Council's Hongkew Depot during the month:—

Machine made ... 1,890 pieces.
Hand made 1,619 "

Total... 3,509 "

Creeks and River.

Mud has been removed as follows :—

Defence Creek 65 tons.
Yangkingpang.... 341 "

Total ... 406 "

New Buildings.

Plans have been approved by the Council for the erection of 251 buildings made up as follows :—

Western District 123
Central " 18
Northern " 24
Eastern " 86

Total... 251

Survey Work.

Official measurements of new land lots attended during the month. 75
Cadastral certificates issued 24
Consular lots surveyed 17
Surveys made in connexion with Road Widening and/or Extensions 62
Lots examined to ascertain whether they included roads or waterways which are or may in future be of use to the public... 36
Consular lots examined as to condition of boundary stones... 31
M.C.R. Stones have been erected as follows :—

Western District..... 71 stones.
Central " 2 "
Northern " 33 "
Eastern " 102 "

Total... 208 "

Miscellaneous.

The average number of labourers employed during the month exclusive of contract work has been 1983 as against 2,131 during December, 1906.

CHARLES MAXWELL
Engineer & Surveyor

The Municipal Gazette.

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No. 2.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, 1908.

NOTICE.

THE undersigned, in pursuance of the respective provisions of Articles IX and VIA, of the Land Regulations for the Foreign Settlement of Shanghai, hereby give notice that Thursday and Friday, January 23 and 24, are fixed upon for the election of Councillors together with the election, by registered owners of land in the Settlement, of a Land Commissioner, for the Municipal year 1908.

Nomination papers will be circulated by the Council on or before Thursday, January 9, and these should be returned to the Council Room not later than 4 p.m. on Wednesday, January 15.

D. SIFFERT,
Consul-General for Belgium.

C. KLEIMENOW,
Consul-General for Russia.

PELHAM L. WARREN,
H.B.M. Consul-General.

OSCAR GEORGE POTIER,
Consul-General for Portugal.

E. VON HIRSCH,
Consul-General for Austria-Hungary.

H. EITAKI,
Consul-General for Japan.

THORVALD HANSEN,
Consul-General for Norway.

PAUL VON BURI,
Consul-General for Germany.

RICHARD BAGGE,
Consul-General for Sweden.

S. MONACO,
Consul-General for Italy.

CHAS. DENBY,
Consul-General for United States.

VON ZEPPELIN,
Consul-General for the Netherlands.

M. DEJEAN DE LA BATIE,
Acting French Consul-General.

T. RAASCHOU,
Consul for Denmark.

R. SECO,
Consul for Spain.

BENJAMIN GIBERGA,
Consul of the Republic of Cuba.

I. MARTI,
Consul of Mexico.

Shanghai, January 4, 1908.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1880.

NOTICE is hereby given that the following Ratepayers, duly qualified under Article XIX of the Land Regulations, have been proposed and seconded, and have given their written consent to serve, if elected, as Councillors for the Foreign Community of Shanghai, for the Municipal year 1908 :—

A. W. Burkill
D. Coath
D. Landale
W. D. Little
A. D. Lowe
R. S. F. McBain
J. H. McMichael
O. Meuser
W. A. C. Platt
J. Prentice
C. Stepharius

Mr. G. W. Noel being the only nominee by registered landowners has been elected Land Commissioner for the Foreign Settlement of Shanghai for 1908.

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room, Shanghai,
January 16, 1908.

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Jan. 16, 1908.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1881

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

THERE are vacancies for two Assistant Building Inspectors, for particulars as to which information may be obtained at the office of the Municipal Engineer, No. 15 Hankow Road, where an examination of candidates in building construction will be held on Wednesday, January 29, 1908.

The salary offered is Tls. 125 per mensem with ricscha allowance and participation in the Superannuation Fund.

The Council does not bind itself to appoint any applicant.

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, January 17, 1908.

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MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1882.

ELECTION OF COUNCILLORS.

The Poll will remain open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, January 23 and 24.

No Voting Tickets are issued. Qualified ratepayers desiring to vote are required to attend at either of the Voting Stations and to mark on a list the names of the persons, not exceeding nine, for whom he intends to vote.

Voting Stations will be established at :—

The Council Room, 23 Kiangse Road.
The Hongkew Police Station, 18 Minghong Road.

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,

Shanghai, January 21, 1908.

THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, January 15, 1908, at 4.30 p.m., there are present :

Messrs. D. Landale (*Chairman*)

A. W. Burkill
J. C. Hanson
W. D. Little
A. D. Lowe
J. H. McMichael
O. Meuser
J. Prentice
E. B. Skottowe
The Secretary and Assistant Secretary.

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Volunteers.

With reference to applications by certain Companies for the use of the Town Hall, and the services of the Public Band, at dances, the Council complies with the request that, for these and kindred social Volunteer functions in the future, no more shall be charged than the cost of lighting and heating the Town Hall, and the portion of the Band charges receivable by the musicians.

Upon the recommendation of the Commandant, commissions are authorized for issue as follows :—

Chinese Company.—Mr. G. Grayrigge to be Lieutenant, and Mr. R. M. Saker to be 2nd Lieutenant.

Light Horse.—Mr. P. F. Lavers to be 2nd Lieutenant. The appointment of a third subaltern for this unit is the result of an arrangement under which the Squadron will be drilled in three troops instead of two as heretofore.

Police

Foreign Branch.—The following are appointed third-class constables, being the draft of seven recruits engaged through the London Agents, who arrived on January 12 :—

R. A. Forde
C. Hodson
H. Murray
J. A. Nield
C. W. Norman
R. J. O'Neill
J. H. Tait.

Public School.

As a result of a recent application for the admission of an Indian child to the School, the recommendation of the School Committee is endorsed that, provided the knowledge of English possessed by the candidate is sufficient to render instruction practicable, and provided foreign dress is adopted, his admission shall be sanctioned.

Wharfage Dues.

Returns for the concluding quarter of 1907, compiled and furnished by the Imperial Maritime Customs, are submitted. From these and preceding returns the decline in receipts noticeable in 1906 is shown to have continued. The revenue, estimated in the Budget to aggregate Tls. 200,000, amounts for the year to Tls. 179,357.53 as follows:—

March Quarter.....Tls. 44,496.99
June Quarter....., 48,797.24
September Quarter. ,, 46,325.96
December Quarter. ,, 39,737.34

Total Tls. 179,357.53

Road Extensions and Widenings.

Canton and Kiangse Roads.—A memorandum from Mr. H. Lester is read in respect to the widening of these roads ex Cadastral lot 178, wherein he offers, in full settlement of the claim, to accept Tls. 50,000 per mow plus 10 per cent, and to admit the usual reduction for betterment in respect to the Kiangse Road frontage. This rate, which is Tls. 5,000 higher than the assessed value, is admitted by the Works Committee to be reasonable, in the view that the eastern half of the lot is of more value than the western, and the proposal as to betterment appears, generally speaking, to be on a fair basis; the offer is therefore authorized for acceptance.

Tseepoo Road.—Upon the application of Mr. A. E. Algar the Council assents to a deviation of the western section of this road in return for the free surrender of the land required to widen an existing Chinese path to thirty feet, and provided that the new line may be extended sufficiently to cross the Jehol Road without a break. The details of this deviation will be subject to further consideration

Drainage.

Two drainage proposals by the Engineer are reported to be urgent, and it is decided to undertake them in advance of the Budget for 1908 :—

(a) A sewer in the North Szechuen Road south of the Yukingpu, at a cost of Tls. 4,400 to which the Shanghai Land Investment Co., Ltd. has offered a contribution of Tls. 500.

(b) A culvert in the Siccawei Road adjoining the Bubbling Well Cemetery at a cost of Tls. 3,000.

Chekliang Road Bridge.

The claim of Mr. Song Kickson is submitted in respect to the damage to his houses at the corner of Cadastral lot 567, caused by the south cofferdam of the Bridge. The houses in question are reported to be old, and it is considered improbable that their rebuilding would long have been deferred. It is therefore decided, upon the recommendation of the Engineer, to offer a contribution of Tls. 300 towards the cost of rebuilding.

Electricity Department

Extensions.—Upon the recommendation of the Electricity Committee authority is given for the extension of the supply mains in the Jessfield Road upon the usual condition that 10 per cent on the capital outlay of Tls. 1,000 is paid by the consumers annually.

The meeting adjourns at 6.05 o'clock p.m.

The following documents are forwarded for publication with the foregoing minutes :—

Health Department.

Notification of Infectious Disease.

	The following have been reported during the week ending Sunday, January 19, 1908.	Deaths among Chinese population of 530,000.	Cases notified among Non-Chinese population of 14,500.
Small-pox.		20	2
Cholera.		0	0
Typhoid Fever.		—	1
Diphtheria.		3	0
Scarlet Fever.		1	1
Tuberculosis.		9	0
Total Deaths from all Causes		149	5

ARTHUR STANLEY,
Health Officer.

Police Report.

Return of apprehensions, etc., made during the week ending Friday, January 17, 1908.

Offences.	No. of apprehensions.
Abduction	0
Absconding	0
Arson	0
Assault	12
Attempted suicide	2
Breach of Garbage Regulations	12
Breach of Municipal Regulations	39
Burglary	10
Burglary attempted	0
Committing nuisance.....	348
Cruelty to animals	0
Cutting and wounding	0
Drunkenness	0
Embezzlement	0
Extortion	0
Fighting and creating disturbance	16
Firing crackers and burning josspaper..	0
Forgery	0
Fraud	0
Furious driving	0
Gambling.....	15
Kidnapping	7
Illegal arrest	0
Ill-treating women or children	0
Larceny	67
Loitering or suspicion for larceny	7
Manslaughter	0
Misdemeanor	8
Murder.....	0
Obstruction	258
Obtaining money under false pretences.	2
Plying for hire without licence	0
Receiving stolen property	3
Returning from deportation.....	0
Robbery	1
Rogues, vagabonds and suspicious characters.....	0
Soliciting prostitution	6
Unlawful possession	4
Uttering	0
Wilful damage to property	0
Miscellaneous cases.....	7
Ricsha licences suspended	450
Wheelbarrow licences suspended	11
Handcart licence suspended	5
Beggars, hawkers and ragpickers	718
Total number of persons coming under the notice of the Police	2008
Chinese dead bodies found in streets ...	5
Unmuzzled dogs captured	75
Unmuzzled dogs shot	1
Total value of property reported as stolen	\$4,335.50
Total value of property recovered..	\$2,107.80

K. J. McEuen,

Deputy Superintendent of Police.

Annual Report of the Superintendent of Parks and Open Spaces to the Municipal Engineer for December.

Public Garden.—The remainder of the spring flowering bulbs were planted, making a total of 6,888 bulbs planted here. The majority of the other beds were planted with plants which come into flower after the bulbs, thus providing a succession of flowers from March to July.

Reserve Garden.—The display of plants in flower was exceptionally good, there being altogether 530 plants in flower. *Moschosma raparium*, a Central African labiate, producing long feathery wreaths of white flowers, contrasting with the scarlet point settias with which it was intermingled, was very effective. *Peristrophe speciosa*, after proving disappointing for two years has this year, under a different method of cultivation, proved very satisfactory, and it is well to note that both species are proving more satisfactory here than they usually do in England. Other conspicuous plants were *Plumbago rosea*, *Roman Hyacinths* and *Begonias*. Orchids in both variety and numbers provided the best display yet obtained. Altogether twenty kinds of plants were in flower.

Soochow Road Foreshore.—The section between Honan and Kiangse Road bridges and one section between Kiangse and Szechuen Road Bridges were cleared of sand, chips, etc., dug over and partially levelled. Stanchions and chains are being put around the grass plots.

Hongkew Park.—The flower beds here were planted with narcissus and one of the summerhouses repaired.

Hongkew Recreation Ground.—With the exception of raising the recently acquired section, half of which is completed, the development of this Ground as far as authorized this year, was completed about the middle of the month.

Sinza Police Station.—The turf has been lifted and sections of the lawn raised, levelled and the relaying of the turf begun.

Bubbling Well Carriage Turn.—Railings have been placed round the shrub beds and a few shrubs planted where vacancies occurred.

Brenan Piece.—The raising of this site is complete.

Miscellaneous.—Flower beds were planted at Bubbling Well Police Station, Victoria Nursing Home, Isolation Hospital and Public School for Chinese.

Trees were planted on the following roads :—

Gordon	42
Ichang	6
Ferry.....	19
Robison.....	32
Jessfield.....	29
Kiaochow	22
Sicawei	44
Avenue	14
Seymour	7
Great Western...	11
Whangpoo	15
Yangtszepoo.....	30
Bubbling Well ...	3
Total.....	274

Flowering Plants were planted as follows :—

Public Garden	2,711
Public Recreation Ground	2,794
Sinza Police Station.	71
Bubbling Well Police Station	920
Isolation Hospital ...	500
Total.....	6,996

D. MACGREGOR,
Superintendent.

Electrical Engineer's Report for November.

Distribution, High-Tension Feeders.—204 yards .094 vulcanized cable was run for enlarging mains to Hongkong Bank sub-station.

Low-Tension Distributors.—The following extensions were made :—

	yards	
Route Ratard	240	.028 bare wire
N. Szechuen Road..	70	.022 vul. wire
" ..	80	.022 bare wire
Route Fergusson ..	492	.076 " "
" ..	178	.022 " "
Kiaochow Road....	668	.028 " "
Markham Road	288	.028 " "
Museum Road	44	.094 vul. "
Burkill Road	100	.022 bare "
E. Yuhang Road...	60	.012 " "
*Wei-hai-wei Road }	200	.028 " "
*Seymour Road. ... }		
Medhurst Road	104	.028 " "
† Bund	620	.159 vul. "
Seward Road	69	.020 bare "
Gt. Western Rd. ...	420	.052 " "
* Third wire. † Temporary.		

Low-Tension Feeders.—Low-tension feeders were run as follows :—

	yards	
Museum Road.....	604	.125 bare wire
Yates and Great Western Rds....	1,165	.125 " "
Soochow Road.....	380	.125 " "

House Services.—Forty new house service connexions were made during the month.

Equivalent 8 c.p. lamps.—5,678 equivalent 8 c.p. lamps were added to the mains bringing the total connected to 136,426.

Motors.—Three motors of fifteen aggregate horse-power were added. The total horse-power connected is 330.5.

Coal.—1,024 tons of coal were consumed during November. Per unit generated this is 6.82-lb. and per unit sold 8.12-lb. For the corresponding month in 1906 the figures were 1,264 tons 9.26-lb. and 12.22-lb. respectively.

Oil.—The oil used was 298 gallons as against 487 gallons in November, 1906.

Water Consumption.—The water used from the town mains was 980,000 gallons as against 2,000,000 gallons in corresponding period last year.

Units Generated.—The units generated were 336,376. Last November 305,718. Increase 10 per cent.

Units Sold.—The units sold and accounted for were 282,673. Last November 231,635. Increase 22 per cent.

Ratio.—The ratio between the units generated and sold is 84.03 per cent. The ratio in November 1906 was 75.76 per cent.

Comparative Table.—The following are comparative figures for this and last year :—

	1907.	1906.
Total lamps connected	136,426	107,238
Total horse-power in motors ...	330.45	222.45
Units generated...	336,376	305,718
Units sold	282,673	231,635
Ratio	84.03%	75.76%
Coal per unit generated	lb. 6.82	9.26
Coal per unit sold lb. 8.12	12.22	

General.—It is worthy of note that whereas the units generated have increased but 10 per cent the units sold have increased over 20 per cent. It may safely be said that the current year will show a still greater percentage difference on the increase of units sold to units generated, which will be brought about by the higher efficiency in distribution through the introduction of the Berry Series Transformer System.

Good progress has been made with the extensions at the Works. At the time of writing both the new 600 kilowatt Belliss-Peebles traction sets are erected and the erection of the condensing plant is nearing completion. The 300 kilowatt motor-generator has been practically ready for over a week, as likewise has the new traction switchboard. The extension buildings at west end of the Works are finished. The Tramway Company are now completing the laying of their cables preparatory to entering the Works for connexion to the switchboard. There is every reason to believe that the full supply of power will be available for traction purposes during the month of January.

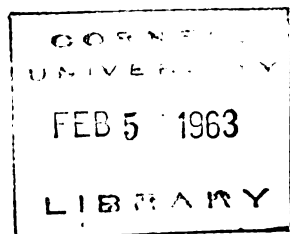
T. H. U. ALDRIDGE,
Electrical Engineer.

Summary of Revenue for December.

Description	Estimate	1907			1906			1905		
		Number	Amount	Total from Jan. 1.	Number	Amount	Total from Jan. 1.	Number	Amount	Total from Jan. 1.
	Tls.		Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.		Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.		Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
LAND TAX.....	452,000		6,775.99	456,336.14		78.91	400,457.85		443.08	399,786.34
GENERAL MUNICIPAL RATE -										
Foreign.....	340,000		20,232.91	356,028.15		17,785.04	325,512.71		22,847.21	285,892.27
Native.....	520,000		39,444.42	550,082.07		27,611.78	504,427.78		27,261.65	476,671.08
WHARFAGE DUES.....	200,000		39,737.34	179,357.53		47,392.53	203,741.94		51,016.16	224,212.84
LICENSE FEES—										
Foreign Hotel and Tavern..	5,800	1	7.42	5,457.67	1	30.00	5,844.67			5,663.82
Foreign Liquor Seller	18,000		66.67	18,763.86			18,915.28	2	26.66	16,245.97
Restaurant	4,700		—	4,860.00	1	10.00	5,225.00		—	5,311.81
Billiard and Bowling Saloon	680		—	690.00	1	6.00	687.00		—	585.11
Native Lodging-house	4,500	3	11.30	4,767.77		—	4,283.09		—	4,213.81
Native Wine-shop	7,500	8	16.60	7,582.83	3	3.68	7,410.32	7	15.18	6,868.74
Tea-shop	5,400	556	483.40	5,460.03	516	444.41	5,339.59	489	416.30	5,101.45
Foreign Theatre	1,000	14	151.00	1,058.35	9	78.00	1,386.50	9	75.00	1,058.96
Native Theatre	2,400	22	220.00	2,527.50	21	205.00	2,428.00	20	199.00	2,305.88
Pawn-shop	15,000		—	17,342.28	197	5,150.21	16,509.77	196	3,264.80	13,034.84
Markets (Private)	1,500		—	965.64	236	158.64	1,536.94	177	133.39	1,347.67
Opium-shop	5,500	87	356.28	4,290.29	96	410.78	5,434.03	126	498.72	5,308.81
Opium-house	65,000	1,462	4,975.82	61,093.55	1,708	5,512.39	65,268.43	1,651	5,320.37	63,395.39
Cargo Boat	6,000	811	472.87	5,781.42	841	482.81	5,998.45	842	435.96	6,076.81
Ferry or Passenger Boat	1,100	57	84.93	1,162.82	70	103.46	1,182.11	63	95.68	1,005.71
Steam Launch.....	1,800	46	69.64	2,197.90	50	73.90	1,853.76	53	76.74	1,654.13
Native Boat.....	4,200	1,245	316.00	3,834.55	1,512	317.97	3,862.19	1,546	329.34	4,797.86
Sampan.....	1,900	92	90.13	1,663.21	162	120.28	1,965.85	128	92.77	1,973.26
Private-owned Pony and Carriage	11,500	P. 200 C. 152	460.74	12,232.31	P. 140 C. 82	182.37	11,781.24	P. 171 C. 135	337.49	10,917.94
Livery Stable	33,000	P. 772 C. 600	2,380.54	29,716.77	P. 821 C. 653	2,548.65	32,761.00	P. 805 C. 688	2,621.27	30,740.74
Motor Car.....	1,300	6	9.85	1,520.21	3	4.44	1,053.82	4	8.69	492.95
Cart	16,000	1,058	1,348.66	16,960.02	1,019	1,303.98	16,162.00	996	1,160.64	14,866.90
Private-owned Ricscha	31,500	265	319.13	31,645.18	108	206.93	31,464.29	427	481.28	29,617.45
Public Ricscha	104,000	8,180	9,156.15	108,311.45	8,308	9,255.73	107,179.79	7,645	8,318.14	86,460.65
Sedan-chair	6,600	19	33.79	5,777.67	7	12.16	6,689.80	107	222.43	4,826.02
Wheel-barrow	36,000	8,599	3,642.78	37,631.54	8,849	3,756.34	35,330.38	8,162	3,513.18	40,670.32
Dog	900	11	8.22	809.91	11	8.10	898.62	42	30.41	931.45
RENT OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTIES—										
Markets.....	32,000	2,714	3,008.01	32,311.73	2,269	2,678.55	27,848.04	2,221	2,332.48	25,451.41
Town Hall	1,500		300.00	3,041.00		264.00	1,754.00		435.00	1,020.00
Firemen's Quarters.....	1,700		276.00	1,567.00		305.00	1,846.00		—	1,650.00
Cadastral Lot 168 C.	1,750		388.11	3,801.71		350.00	2,100.00		—	—
FROM PUBLIC COMPANIES—										
Gas Co., Ltd.	6,575		974.88	5,630.78		—	—		—	—
Mutual Telephone Co., Ltd.	4,000		—	—		—	—		—	—
Electric Construction Co., Ltd.	1,000		—	—		—	—		—	—
Total Tls.	1,953,305		135,820.38	1,982,654.84		126,852.09	1,866,140.24		132,009.02	1,780,158.39

A. JOHNSFORD,

Overseer of Taxes.



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No. 3.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 1908.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1883.

IN accordance with Article XVIII of the Land Regulations, we, the undersigned scrutineers duly appointed by the Council, hereby declare that the following nine Ratepayers polled the greatest numbers of votes at the election held on January, 23 and 24, and are therefore declared to have been duly elected as the Council for the Foreign Community of Shanghai, for the year 1908:—

W. D. Little	710
W. A. C. Platt	708
D. Landale	703
J. Prentice	684
A. W. Burkill	604
R. S. F. McBain	604
A. D. Lowe	589
J. H. McMichael	579
O. Meuser	548

Total number of votes 771, and 9 irregular votes.

A. M. MARSHALL, } Scrutineers.
H. C. GULLAND, }

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,

Secretary.

Council Room,

Shanghai, January 25, 1908.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1884.

CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Municipal Offices will be closed to public business from Saturday, February 1, 1908, till Tuesday, February 4, inclusive.

By order,

W. E. LEVEON,

Secretary.

Council Room,

Shanghai, January 29, 1908.

THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, January 22, 1908, at 4.30 p.m., there are present:

Messrs. D. Landale (*Chairman*)

A. W. Burkill
J. C. Hanson
W. D. Little
A. D. Lowe
J. H. McMichael
O. Meuser
J. Prentice
E. B. Skottowe
The Secretary and
Assistant Secretary.

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Volunteers.

Signalling Company.—Upon the recommendation of the Commandant a commission is authorised for issue to Mr. G. G. Carlsen, to be Lieutenant to command the Company. This officer was formerly in charge of the unit but resigned on his departure from Shanghai.

Annual Inspection.—The Commandant notifies the date fixed for the annual training of the Corps, which will begin on Saturday February 29 and conclude on Saturday April 4. It is decided to request the General Officer Commanding H.M. Forces in South China to hold the usual Annual Inspection on the latter date.

Headquarters and Drill Hall.—The "proceedings" of a meeting of a Board of Officers are submitted, in which attention is drawn to the inadequate accommodation provided under present conditions, having in view the increase in the membership of the Corps which has taken place during the past few years. The proposals therein contained involve a very considerable outlay, for which it is improbable that a place can be found in the Estimates of Extraordinary Expenditure for 1908. The question will have the close attention of the Watch Committee at an early date.

Use of the Town Hall.—The case of the Masonic Ball Committee is submitted for the Council's decision, wherein it appears that permission has inadvertently been granted for their dance to be held during the Volunteer training season. After full consideration of the facts it appears to the members necessary to sanction this reservation as an exceptional case, at the same time noting that there should be no interference with Volunteer arrangements on the days preceding the dance for purposes of preparation of the Hall for the function, the latter ruling to apply to all future engagements.

Health Department.

Staff.—A letter from the Principal of the Royal Institute of Public Health informs the Council of his selection of Dr. C. N. Davis as 2nd Assistant Health Officer, and it is decided to convey an expression of the Council's thanks to Professor Smith for the service he has rendered in this connexion.

General Hospital.—A communication from the Consular Body informs the Council of the re-election of the Consuls General for Great Britain, France and Germany, as representatives on the Board of Governors for the ensuing year.

Passenger Pontoons.

Two letters from Messrs. Stokes, Platt and Teesdale are read, protesting on behalf of the Russo-Chinese Bank at the proposed alteration of the foreshore in front of the Bank's premises on the Bund. By the courteous mediation of the Consul General for Russia, these objections have been met by an assurance on the part of the Council, (1) that the Bank in assenting to these works does not forfeit its foreshore rights as owners of B.C. lot 3143, whatever they may be, (2) that the Council will, so far as is in its power, prevent the use of this foreshore for river or sea-going vessels, and (3) that if these new pontoons are used for purposes other than the landing of passengers, their luggage, mail and treasure, the Council will at its own expense restore the foreshore to its former condition.

Public Lighting.

The erection of the following additional lamps is authorised:—

Two incandescent gas lamps in the Chengtu Road between Avenue and Burkill Roads.

One double electric arc lamp at the junction of Bubbling Well Road and Love Lane in substitution for the existing lamp on the north side of the road.

Tenders.

The following are authorised for acceptance:—

Supply and erection at the Electricity Works of two dust-proof panels with wire gauze. The Shanghai Dock and Engineering Co. Ltd. Tls. 760.

Supply and erection at the Electricity Works of certain pipe-work. The New Engineering and Shipbuilding Works Ltd. Tls. 270.

Court of Foreign Consuls.

The Council is notified of the re-election of the representatives of Great Britain, Austria-Hungary and Belgium, to constitute the Court for 1908, in accordance with the provisions of Article XXVII of the Land Regulations.

Tramways.

Fares.—The following correspondence is ordered for publication:—

Shanghai, January 16, 1908.

GENTLEMEN,—In trying to carry Clause 22 of the Concession Agreement into actual practice we are at once confronted by a serious difficulty, namely, the absence in the local currency of Mexican dollar cents.

When you take into consideration that the price of current, as arranged, is nearly twice as high as it would be for a similar supply at home, and also the fact that our second class fares are 50 per cent below the fares charged in Singapore, Hongkong and Shanghai French Concession, and bearing in mind the financial results of the two former systems, you will at once realise how extremely important it is that we shall receive the maximum fares when we open the lines for traffic. Then if we find that by the herein proposed system of collecting our revenue we do not get our anticipated traffic, the natural inference would be that our fares were too high, and this matter could be put right by simply reducing the fares. If, on the other hand, we do get our anticipated numbers of passengers, but find the financial results do not enable us to make a profit, the inference would be that we had fulfilled the purpose of the Council by creating a demand for tramways in Shanghai and were serving the public, but that the fares were too low.

It has already been pointed out that it is quite a simple matter to reduce the fares, but it is a very difficult matter to

increase the same after a demand for tramways has been created, and this was exemplified quite recently by the disturbances in Tokio and in Corea.

Regarding our authorised maximum fares we find that to collect the exact equivalent we shall require to deal with "cash." When we point out to you that our revenue should be approximately \$1,500. to \$2,000. per day, you will see how utterly impossible it would be for us to deal with "cash". In fact the Conductors would not be able to collect the fares in the time at their disposal.

If, on the other hand, we deal only with "10 cash pieces" and take one as being equal to one Mexican cent we stand to lose 10 per cent owing to the depreciated value of small monies and a further estimated loss of 5 per cent for disposing of same after collection. As practically all our revenue will be collected in sums under one dollar, we shall lose 15 per cent on our total receipts. This loss would be very serious indeed to the Company, as a 15 per cent deficiency in the receipts can easily turn the scale and make what would otherwise be a well-equipped, sound and profitable undertaking into a parsimonious and hard driven system.

Bearing all this in mind we have tried to find a way out in which we shall overcome this loss and at the same time keep within the spirit of the Agreement, and we now suggest that we shall be allowed to collect our second class fares as follow:—3 copper "10 cash pieces" for the first section and 2 copper "10 cash pieces" for each additional section. On this basis the second class fares on the sections already arranged would be:—

3, 5, 7 & 9 copper "10 cash pieces" respectively, representing 2, 4, 6, & 8 Mexican dollar cents, and by this means we shall obviate the inconvenience of using "cash" and also cover the loss of exchange.

Another means would be coupons, and we could issue books of 50 for a Mexican dollar; but as these could only be sold in lots of not less than one dollar if we are to cover the loss by exchange, we are told this outlay would be prohibitive to the average second class passenger.

The only alternative would be to adopt a universal system of coupons with kiosks or shops at the end of each section where passengers could obtain coupons at the current rate of exchange before boarding the cars, and to enforce a rule that only coupons be accepted on

the car. Theoretically this may appear to be a simple plan, although as far as I know it is without precedent in tramway management, but it would lead to endless annoyance to strangers visiting the Settlement who would not be conversant with the local conditions and who would naturally expect to pay for their ride in the usual way on the cars. This method would also be very inconvenient to the travelling public generally, as it would be quite possible for a passenger to wish to board a car in the middle of a section, but being without a coupon would have to proceed on foot to the end of the section before the passenger could purchase the necessary coupon.

The chief objection to this proposal is that it would allow possibilities for an extensive system of forgery. As we would carry about 50,000 to 60,000 passengers per day it would be quite impossible to properly scrutinize each coupon. We also believe that the expense, to say nothing of the inconvenience, of adopting this system would cost more than the loss by exchange saved.

In this letter we have not referred to the first class fare as no doubt our intended coupon system will work quite well for this class of passenger, and the number of passengers being limited, the coupon can be more carefully supervised.

In conclusion we would ask you to carefully weigh our proposal and to allow us to collect as our second class fares 3, 5, 7 and 9 copper "ten cash pieces" respectively representing 2, 4, 6 and 8 Mexican dollar cents.

Hoping to hear from you that our suggestion can be adopted.

We are, Dear Sirs,
Your obedient servants,
THE SHANGHAI ELECTRIC
CONSTRUCTION Co.

WM. R. WRIGHT,
Engineer and General Manager.

The CHAIRMAN and MEMBERS,
Municipal Council.

Council Room,

Shanghai, January 24, 1908.

SIR,—In reply to your letter of January 16, in respect to the difficulty which is presented by the fact that the fares laid down in Clause 22 of the Tramway Agreement are fixed in Mexican dollar cents, I am directed to inform you that the Council will raise no objection to the levy by the Company of three ten cash pieces for

one section (second class) and two ten cash pieces for each further section, provided at the same time the Company will sell to the public tickets of a face value of two Mexican cents in books of 50, at a cost of one Mexican dollar per book, such tickets to be available for use for any section.

It must be understood that the Council assents to your proposal to the above extent as a provisional and tentative measure, reserving its right to insist upon more exact compliance with the above-mentioned clause should circumstances demand.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. E. LEVESON,

Secretary.

W. R. WRIGHT, Esq.,

General Manager,

Shanghai Electric Construction
Co., Ltd.

The meeting adjourns at 6.50 p.m.

The following documents are forwarded for publication with the foregoing minutes :—

Police Report.

Return of apprehensions, etc., made during the week ending Friday, January 24, 1908.

Offences.	No. of apprehensions.
Abduction	0
Absconding	0
Arson	2
Assault	11
Attempted suicide	0
Breach of Garbage Regulations	34
Breach of Municipal Regulations	42
Burglary	3
Burglary attempted	0
Committing nuisance.....	321
Cruelty to animals	0
Cutting and wounding	1
Drunkenness	0
Embezzlement	0
Extortion	4
Fighting and creating disturbance	15
Firing crackers and burning josspaper..	0
Forgery	0
Fraud	1
Furious driving	2
Gambling	2
Kidnapping	2

Illegal arrest	0
Ill-treating women or children	0
Larceny	69
Loitering or suspicion for larceny	4
Manslaughter	0
Misdemeanor	7
Murder	0
Obstruction	173
Obtaining money under false pretences.	2
Plying for hire without licence	0
Receiving stolen property	1
Returning from deportation.....	3
Robbery	0
Rogues, vagabonds and suspicious characters.....	0
Soliciting prostitution	2
Unlawful possession	7
Uttering	0
Wilful damage to property	0
Miscellaneous cases.....	5
Ricsha licences suspended	386
Wheelbarrow licences suspended	16
Handcart licence suspended	0
Beggars, hawkers and ragpickers	704

Total number of persons coming under the notice of the Police	1810
Chinese dead bodies found in streets ...	12
Unmuzzled dogs captured	26
Unmuzzled dogs shot.....	25

C. D. BRUCE,

Captain Superintendent of Police.

Health Department.

Notification of Infectious Disease.

The following have been reported during the week ending Sunday, January 26, 1908.	Deaths among Chinese population of 530,000.	Cases notified among Non-Chinese population of 14,500.
Small-pox.	8	4
Cholera.	0	0
Typhoid Fever.	0	2
Diphtheria.	1	2
Scarlet Fever.	0	2
Tuberculosis.	8	0
Total Deaths from all Causes	144	7

ARTHUR STANLEY,

Health Officer.

Mokanshan Sanatorium.

Special report by the Health Officer.

Buildings.—The house faces a little East of South. It contains on the ground floor a large dining room, a sitting room, a work room, pantry, kitchen and servants' quarters, and on the upper floor five bedrooms. Fine verandah to the South on each floor.

The walls are mud with layers of stones, a mode of construction, largely used in the district for native houses, which appears to be more durable than stone alone, using mud as mortar.

The house being one of the first erected on the mountain the mud walls have become firmly consolidated and, if the roof is carefully maintained in good order, should remain permanently stable. The maintenance of the roof is of primary importance. The roof is of Chinese tiles, resting on a mattress of interlaced bamboo, which is, better than planking for supporting the tiles, as the open work of the bamboo permits of the drying of the absorbent tiles after rain. The house is of Chinese type, the weight of the roof being partly supported on posts. The wood-work is in good condition, only a few minor repairs being necessary. There is a very good underground cistern for rain water collected from the roof.

Grounds, Including Water supply Elevation, and Drainage.—The Sanatorium lot is about 8 mow, at a guess, oblong in shape, stretching up to the ridge of the hill and occupying its southern aspect. The house is built about half-way down the lot on an artificially made platform, well supported below by stepped terraces. About half the lot is overgrown with bamboos and mossy vegetation, the rest being laid out as a vegetable and flower garden.

The elevation is just under 2000 feet; the mean of readings of an aneroid barometer, taken both during ascent and descent of the mountain.

The drainage of the house is nicely diverted into a channel at the back of the house and flows down over a secluded corner of the lot and soon becomes absorbed by the vegetation in a satisfactory manner.

At the S. E. corner of the lot are two so-called 'springs' of water. These 'springs,' which occur in many parts of the mountain, are in reality outflows of water derived from rain on the hill above, which is absorbed by the soil and sub-soil and makes its way

down the side of the hill over the rock bed. It is the shape of the rock bed which determines the appearance of water on the surface in places lower down and gives rise to 'springs.' Some of these so-called 'springs' appear to afford a constant flow at all seasons, showing that the soil and sub-soil can hold an enormous quantity of water like a sponge. Analyses have been made of the Sanatorium 'spring' and from an adjacent spring on Captain Andersen's lot which show that the water differs only a little from rain water and may be considered fit for drinking and domestic purposes after filtration through a Berkefeld or Pasteur filter or boiling.

Supplies.—During the season practically all supplies can be obtained on the mountain. There is a foreign food store, dairy, bakery, laundry, butchery and a supply of vegetables. During the rest of the year milk may be obtained, bread and vegetables most of the time, meat twice a week and wood for fuel, but most other stores have to be got from Hangchow or Shanghai. Supplies not produced on the mountain should be taken up from the Nursing Home every week by the same boat which I recommend should be provided for patients.

Accessibility.—The secret of success of the Sanatorium lies in the provision of suitable means of access. A house boat is essential. This should make a weekly journey during the time the Sanatorium is open for the purpose of taking patients and stores to and fro. During the time when the Detching creek is deep (the greater part of the year) the Municipal launch might be used for the weekly journey but the Hangchow train launch is quite suitable and costs less. The Huchow route provides a deep water creek to a point nearer to Mokanshan than Dongsi, the usual point for house boats to leave the train launch, and would permit of the Municipal launch being used during the dry season when the Detching creek is in places too shallow for it.

As the Police will furnish most of the inmates of the Sanatorium the Police houseboat might be used for them, but I think it advisable for the development of the Sanatorium to have a Sanatorium houseboat, properly fitted and staffed, for the transport of convalescents and stores. This would not only conduce to the comfort of the convalescents but also, by regularity of running, reduce the haphazard element which at present attaches itself to a sojourn at the Sanatorium. I anticipate that the Sanatorium will be occupied all the year with the exception perhaps of February and March.

The Municipal launch is unsuitable as a means of conveying invalids as it lacks sanitary conveniences. It is, however, much quicker than any other available means of transit. By it the journey may be made up in 19 hours and down in 16 hours. The ordinary route by launch train to Dongsi, thence by yuloh to Sanjaopu takes about 36 hours. But, as it takes two nights and one day, it is a very convenient and restful way of getting to the Sanatorium. Leaving Shanghai at 5 p.m., Dongsi is reached the following afternoon and by yulohing through the night Sanjaopu (the foot of the mountain) is reached the following morning and the ascent is made (in chairs by invalids) in time for tiffin at the Sanatorium.

Surroundings, Climate, etc.—Mokanshan is one of a multitude of similar small rounded bamboo covered hills. The view from the Sanatorium is pleasing but somewhat monotonous. Except for the prevalence of mist, on account of the elevation, the climate is suitable for a Sanatorium, not only through the summer months but also in the spring and particularly in the autumn and early winter. In the hot weather the abundant vegetation helps to keep the temperature down and the trees afford shade, such as is absent from most other summer resorts in China. Mosquitoes are said not to be

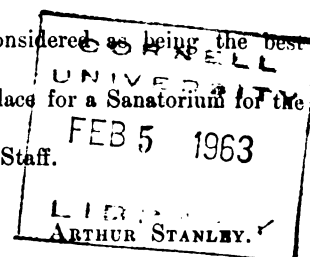
abundant. Bathing is possible in pools of the mountain stream. The average convalescent (say a policeman) will find all he wants to restore him to health.

General.—Compared with Kuling, Weihaiwei and Japan, Mokanshan possesses many points of advantage. It is more accessible. For the convalescent the fact that, from the time he gets into the houseboat on the Bund, his food supply can be under proper supervision is a great advantage, when it is noted that, of those who go away from Shanghai for a holiday, a considerable proportion return in worse health; almost invariably due to the bad food given in the hotels and other places at the various holiday resorts. I attach great importance to the fact that the food supply can be kept nearly all the time under reliable foreign supervision. This point alone should result in such a gain in service of the Municipal Staff as would well repay the initial outlay on a Sanatorium houseboat.

Although the elevation (2000 feet) is not enough for a perfect summer resort it should be remembered that cases requiring sanatorium treatment are furnished throughout the year and the moderate elevation enables it to be used during a greater part of the year.

The main requirements for the ordinary convalescent are physical and mental rest, fresh air, sunshine and good food. Exciting and violent games are out of place.

On the whole therefore Mokanshan may be considered as being the best available place for a Sanatorium for the Municipal Staff.



Health Officer.

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1908.

THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, January 29, 1908, at 4.30 p.m., there are present :

Messrs. D. Landale (*Chairman*)
A. W. Burkill
J. C. Hanson
A. D. Lowe
J. H. McMichael
O. Meuser
J. Prentice
E. B. Skottowe
The Secretary and
Assistant Secretary.

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Volunteers.

Mounted Infantry.—The resignation of Lieutenant P. W. Massey, commanding this unit, is forwarded by the commandant, in accepting which it is decided to convey an expression of the Council's thanks to that officer for valuable services rendered to the Corps during the past ten years in varying grades.

P. lice.

Foreign Branch.—The resignation of Probationary Constable R. E. Rivers is noted from January 16.

The resignation of Sergeant J. H. Goby is accepted with effect from February 19.

Larcenies.—A report from the Captain-Superintendent is submitted upon the subject of the prevalence of larceny and petty theft. At his suggestion the following warning is authorised for issue in the form of a native notice:—

"Native inhabitants are reminded that this is the season of the year when thefts and robberies are rife. The efforts of the Police to prevent them must however be aided by the public and in this connexion two points are to be noted. (1) All should take reasonable care to close doors and windows when possible especially towards evening, while those who live in alleyways should not encourage the passage of hawkers and loiterers. (2) In respect to robbery from the person it is difficult for the Police to arrest a robber unless the persons robbed boldly call for assistance, instead of tamely submitting to what are often empty threats.

"By this means the efforts of the Police will be materially aided and larceny of all kinds stamped out.

"It is also well known that certain pawnbrokers, with a view to gain, wilfully disregard the terms of Clause

7 of their license, whereby any person offering to sell or pledge an article appearing to have been stolen, should be detained pending communication with the Police. A warning is now issued to all such persons that henceforth the least breach of this condition will inevitably result in summary withdrawal of the offender's license and the consequent closure of his shop. Let all therefore take note of this special warning."

Beggars and Vagrants.—As part of efforts made to rid the Settlement of beggars the Police have reported the existence of an institution in the Yunnan Road where some hundreds of these indigent folk are fed daily between 6 and 8 o'clock a.m. This benevolent institution is reported to be well conducted, the arrangements for feeding the beggars in a large courtyard being complete. At the same time the place is a centre of attraction for hundreds of undesirables, and arrangements have been concluded with the representatives of the committee of management for transfer beyond Settlement limits after the close of the current winter season.

Mixed Court

Corporal Punishment.—Two letters to the Consular Body on the subject of the re-introduction of the bamboo at the Court are ordered for inclusion in the minutes for record.

Council Room,

Shanghai, April 13, 1907.

SIR,—It has been reported to the Council that on the 1st instant a prisoner wearing a cangue was conducted through the Settlement from the native city on his way to a village near Jessfield, where, in accordance with the sentence passed by the City Magistrate, he will carry the cangue for the space of fifteen days, as punishment for having refused to permit certain carrier coolies to perform work at a certain price. The runner who conducted him was arrested and severely cautioned for non-observance of the usual procedure in failing to apply for Police co-operation, and was then permitted to continue his route properly escorted.

This incident, though of apparent triviality, is yet of special interest in considering the abolition of the use of the cangue and bamboo at the Mixed Court, and is a minor example of the palpable insincerity of the Chinese Authorities in this matter.

When the terms of the memorial upon the subject were put into operation, it was understood that the prohibition would apply to all criminal courts in China. No objection there-

fore was raised to the course proposed, and the Council's chief care was to ensure that within Settlement limits no breach of the new rule should be allowed to pass without protest. The need, however, for abolition of these forms of punishment was from the outset far from apparent, since they are distinct from torture and similar accessories of Chinese criminal procedure. The plea that corporal punishment was abolished out of motives of humanity, is stultified by the common knowledge that punishments of a far more barbarous nature are frequently inflicted within the City, while the indispensable cangue and bamboo are actually in almost hourly use wherever the semblance of good order is preserved.

With these considerations in view, the effect of the abolition of the bamboo upon criminality in the Settlement strengthens the Council's conviction that it was designed with a view to rendering the policing of the Settlement as arduous as possible, to bringing about the congestion of the Municipal Gaol, and in the knowledge that the area set aside for the residence of foreigners would thereupon certainly become a place of aggregation for the more violent type of malefactors.

In conclusion I have the honour to bring to the notice of the Consular Body that the Council's views, as expressed at the recent meeting of Ratepayers, as to the advisability of re-introducing the use of the bamboo and cangue in the Mixed Court, received expressions of approval from the foreign community assembled: on behalf of my colleagues and myself therefore, I have the honour to request that this important matter may engage the attention of the Consular Body and thereafter form the subject of negotiation with the Chinese Government at Peking.

I have the honour to be;

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

HENRY KESWICK,

Chairman.

D. SIFFERT, Esq.,

Consul-General for Belgium,
and Senior Consul.

Council Room,

Shanghai, January 10, 1908.

SIR,—I have the honour to inform you that the steady increase in the number of cases of petty crime brought under the notice of the Police, and in the number of native prisoners in Municipal custody, have again brought into prominence the desirability of the re-introduction of the bamboo, a matter which has engaged the Council's attention at intervals since November 1905,

when the change in procedure in this respect was inaugurated at the Mixed Court.

The method observed in effecting this change offers special features, and the exact position of the question is best recalled by means of a cursory review of what has passed.

Authority for the abolition of the bamboo is apparently based on an Imperial Rescript issued on April 24, 1905, which approved generally the terms of a report by the Law Revision Commissioners on a memorial by the Nanking Viceroy. This report referred to the abolition of torture, and contained a proposal for the substitution of fines for blows. On April 25 an Edict was issued primarily in reference to the use of torture and the cruelties practised in native yamens, and briefly stating that the usual formal sanction had been given to the terms of the report. There is thus reason to suppose that in so far as these documents refer to the use of the bamboo, the promulgation of the procedure was intended to be regarded neither as emphatic nor as universal. On October 15 a memorial upon the same matter and from the same quarter was similarly similarly sanctioned, wherefrom it was understood that the application of the new rule would be general, though, in the light of what has passed, its terms as published in the native press, seem to express an intention to establish strict observance of the new procedure as an experiment at the Mixed Court alone. The Foreign Authorities were then at the beginning of November formally notified of the order received.

The views of the community generally upon the subject unequivocally found voice at the Ratepayers' meeting in March last, and later in the request for the active co-operation of the Consular Body contained in the Council's letter of April 13 to which there is little to add. On May 24 last a telegram appeared in a well informed native organ stating that the Nanking Viceroy had memorialised the Throne by telegram requesting the reintroduction of blows at the Court on the ground that criminality had largely increased since their cessation, and two days later a second message announced that the formal Imperial sanction had been given. No denial of this announcement has come to the Council's notice and the grounds therefor may doubtless be verified by the Consular Body.

It is meanwhile beyond doubt that the recent increase in Police cases of all kinds is to be traced directly to the fact that the Settlement, as the sole locality throughout China wherein the bamboo is known to be in disuse, offers an inviting field to habitual malefactors from all quarters. In Tientsin and Hankow the bamboo is applied as a matter of ordinary procedure. In the Native City and the neighbouring suburb of Nantao the maintenance of order is aided by blows daily administered under orders of the officials in charge. The Municipal Gaol, moreover, compares so favourably with neighbouring prisons under purely native control, that alone it forms an inadequate deter-

rent in the eyes of the native criminal, a fact which was recently evidenced by the statement of one prisoner in open Court to the effect that he desired to return to Gaol in order to obtain good food.

The abolition of blows in the Foreign Settlement, if genuinely an experimental administrative reform, has thus clearly proved an inequitable, premature and perilous measure. I am confident however that consideration of the events concurrent with this innovation, and the manner in which it has been carried out, will confirm the Consular Body in the views expressed in the Council's letter of April 13.

In conclusion it may be observed that in the Council's opinion the bamboo is eminently suited to the character of the native offender, is an adjunct of criminal justice rendered vitally necessary under present conditions if only by reason of immemorial use, and, administered after guilt has been established, under the check exercised by the presence of foreigners at the Court, is a wholly humane and salutary mode of correction.

In enquiring therefore whether the contents of the Council's letter are receiving attention at the hands of the Diplomatic Body at Peking, I have the honour to request that, since this matter is now of the gravest moment to the security of the community, negotiations may be reopened or vigorously sustained to a satisfactory settlement.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

DAVID LANDALE,

Chairman.

D. SIFFERT, Esq.,
Consul-General for Belgium
and Senior Consul.

Port Health Work.

A statement of the accounts of the Quarantine Station at Chungpaosha (Woosung), compiled from the quarterly returns furnished by the Commissioner of Customs, is submitted, as follows:—

Receipts.

Balance from 1906...	Hk. Tls. 2,861.47
Disinfectant and Inspection Fees	1,122.68
Council's contribution.....	5,386.00
French Council's contribution	1,885.09
Taotai's contribution (to November)	9,874.33

Hk. Tls. 21,129.57

Expenditure.

Salaries, Foreign Staff	Hk. Tls. 8,859.50
Salaries, Native Staff	7,209.87
Maintenance	840.33
Advertisements and Telegrams	148.15
Coal (for s.s. Pootoo).....	2,317.61
Balance to 1908	1,754.11

Hk. Tls. 21,129.57

Road Extensions and Widening.

Tientsin Road.—Letter from Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. is submitted assenting to the Council's proposal that the compensation payable in respect to the scheduled strip of Cadastral Lot 224, area mow 0.015, shall be

the sum of Tls. 220, being calculated at the assessed value, plus 10%, and less one-third for betterment.

Peking and Szechuen Roads.—The following correspondence relates to the widening of these roads ex Cadastral Lots 20 and 27, the claim for compensation in which matter will be submitted for decision by the Land Commission:—

Shanghai, December 16, 1907.

DEAR SIR,—In continuance of the correspondence which took place between the Municipal Council and ourselves during April and May of this year re the surrender of land for road widening we have now to inform you that we are not willing to enter into an agreement such as was proposed in your letter of May 27 last. We consider it preferable that each case should be taken separately. The Agreement as proposed might in some cases work out equitably but in the majority of cases it would be detrimental to the interests of this Company.

Re Szechuen and Peking Road widening we now beg to submit an amended claim for the surrender of land ex Cadastral Lots 20 and 27 Central for the widening of the above roads.

Peking and Szechuen Roads ex Cad. Lot 20, Mow 0.485 at Tls. 55,000 per mow.....	26,675
Plus 10 per cent for compulsory surrender	2,667
	29,342

Szechuen Road ex Cadastral Lot 27, Mow 0.094 at Tls. 55,000 per mow.....	5,170
Plus 10 per cent for compulsory surrender	517

5,687
Making a total claim of Tls. 35,029.

We are, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents,

The Shanghai Land Investment Co. Ltd.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,

Secretary, Municipal Council.

Council Room,

Shanghai, December 27, 1907.

GENTLEMEN,—In reply to your letter of December 16, on the subject of the portion of Cadastral Lots 20 and 27 required for the widening of the Peking and Szechuen Roads, I am directed to inform you that, apart from the general question of compensation payable to yourselves in respect to land required for public purposes, the Council is of opinion that the case in point is one in which betterment is most marked.

The development proposed for these properties consists of high foreign buildings for which the light and means of access provided by a 40 foot thoroughfare are considered almost essential, and the Council therefore trusts that you may be good enough to reduce your claims by not less than one-third.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

W. E. LEVESON,

Secretary.

The Shanghai Land Investment
Co., Ltd.

Shanghai, January 8, 1908.

DEAR SIR,—Your letter of the 27th instant has been placed before our Directors at their meeting to-day and in reply we are instructed to say that we are prepared to amend our claim in so far as the Szechuen Road is concerned, and to agree to the one-third reduction for betterment in this case. With regard to the land surrendered for the widening of the Peking Road we do not consider that there is any betterment in this case and therefore we are unable to see our way to reducing our claim by one third for the land surrendered for the Peking Road.

We are, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.
Agents,

The Shanghai Land Investment Co., Ltd.
W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,
Secretary, Municipal Council.

Council Room,

Shanghai, January 17, 1908.

GENTLEMEN,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of January 8, as to the widening of the Peking and Szechuen Roads ex Cadastral Lots 20 and 27, and, in reply thereto, to state that the Council adheres to the view formerly expressed that the present case is one in which betterment is clearly marked in respect to both frontages.

In deciding the compensation payable for the Peking Road frontage of Cadastral Lot 23 the Land Commissioners recognised the benefit to be derived on the property by making the usual reduction of one-third, and there does not appear to the Council to be any reason why similar treatment should not be accorded in the section of the Road next adjoining.

With this in view I am directed to request that you may be good enough to re-consider the matter and to assent to the reduction for betterment upon the whole of the claim.

I am, Gentlemen,
Yours obedient servant,
W. E. LEVESON,

Secretary
The Shanghai Land Investment Co., Ltd.

Shanghai, January 23, 1908.

DEAR SIR,—We are in receipt of your letter of the 17th instant. re the widening of the Peking and Szechuen Roads ex Cadastral Lots 20 and 27, and in reply we are instructed to inform you that we are strongly of opinion that no betterment will accrue to Cadastral Lot 20 consequent on the widening of Peking Road.

We may bring to your notice that the widening of Szechuen and Peking Roads is largely of the nature of a public improvement the benefit derived from such widening being of much greater importance to the public than to ourselves.

We have further to point out that we have reduced our claim from Tls. 65,000 per mow to the assessed value of Tls. 55,000 per mow and that we are not aware that the Land Commissioners have made a practise of deduct-

ing one-third for betterment in all cases thus justifying your use of the expression 'usual reduction of one third.' It would appear to us that every case which goes before the Land Commissioners must be decided on its own merits.

Yours faithfully,

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents,
The Shanghai Land Investment Co. Ltd.
W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,
Secretary, Municipal Council.

Council Room,

Shanghai, January 30, 1908.

GENTLEMEN,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of January 23, on the subject of the widening of the Peking and Szechuen Roads ex-Cadastral Lots 20 and 27. The question at issue between the Council and your Company is the reduction for betterment of your compensation claim in respect to the former road, and I am directed to state that, in accordance with your suggestion, the case will be referred for settlement to the Land Commission, due notice of whose next sitting will be communicated to you.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
W. E. LEVESON,

Secretary.
The Shanghai Land Investment Co., Ltd.

Shanghai, January 31, 1908.

DEAR SIR,—In reply to your letter of yesterday's date, we note that the question of compensation payable by the Council for land surrendered ex Cadastral Lots 20 and 27 will be referred for settlement to the Land Commissioners, but we wish to point out that the suggestion that the matter should be settled by this means, did not come from us, as you state in your letter of the 30th instant.

We are, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.
Agents,

The Shanghai Land Investment Co., Ltd.
W. E. LEVESON, Esq.

Secretary, Municipal Council.

Foochow and Honan Roads.—A letter from Messrs. William Little & Co. is read, declining to admit betterment in the case of Cadastral Lot 260, even in respect to the portion of the property about to be rebuilt with houses of foreign design. The Council understands that it will be satisfactory to the firm if this case also is referred to the Land Commission, which course will therefore be followed.

Shanghai, December 20, 1907.

DEAR SIR,—We shall be glad if you will advise us of the exact area of the land to be required for road widening, from Cadastral lot 260, at the corner of the Foochow and Honan Roads and as the surrender will be made at two different periods we should like to know the area facing the new Chinese shops on the Foochow Road for which you have already issued permit.

We are willing to sell the land required at the assessed value Tls. 42,000 plus 10 per cent for compulsory surrender.

We are, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

p. pro. WILLIAM LITTLE & Co.,
H. W. DALDY.

The SECRETARY,
Municipal Council.

Council Room,

Shanghai, January 11, 1908.

GENTLEMEN,—In acknowledging the receipt of your letter of December 20, on the subject of the acquisition of a portion of Cadastral lot 260 which is required for widening the Foochow and Honan Roads, I am directed to state that the Council accepts your claim for compensation at the rate of Tls. 42,000 per mow with the addition of 10 per cent for compulsory surrender, provided the usual reduction of one-third for betterment is allowed on the area to be used for purposes of a foreign house.

With regard to the portion on which Chinese shops are to be erected, no plea of improvement in value as a result of the widening is advanced, but for the remainder the Council is of opinion that the customary reduction is applicable.

I am thus directed to make a counter offer as follows:

Mow 0.219 at Tls. 42,000 per	
mow	Tls. 9,198
Mow 0.147 at Tls. 42,000 per	
mow	Tls. 6,174
less one-third	2,058
	4,116
	13,314
plus 10%	1,332
	Tls. 14,646

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

W. E. LEVESON,

Secretary.

MESSRS. WILLIAM LITTLE & Co.

Shanghai, January 14, 1908.

SIR,—We beg to acknowledge your letter of January 11, accepting our offer for part of the land surrender, but making a reduction of one-third in the price of the land in front of the corner lot, on the plea that the building to be erected is a foreign house.

We shall be glad if you will reconsider your offer on the following grounds:

The building to be erected is designed in accordance with "Foreign Building Rules," only because no provision is made for a shop of this class in the "Chinese Building Rules." The style and size of the shop and the business to be carried on prevents it being built in the usual Chinese manner.

The building will be occupied solely for Chinese business.

It has always been admitted that the widening of streets in parts used only for Chinese business does not improve the rentals and no claim for betterment should be advanced in this case.

On these grounds we would ask you to reconsider and accept our offer of December 20.

We are, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

p. pro. WILLIAM LITTLE & Co.,

H. W. DALDY,

The SECRETARY,
Municipal Council.

Council Room,

Shanghai, January 20, 1908.

GENTLEMEN,—In acknowledgement of your letter of January 14, on the subject of the acquisition of a portion of Cadastral lot 260, I am directed to state in reply that the building to which you refer is undoubtedly of foreign design and is of a similar character to that on Cadastral lot 173, diagonally opposite, in the case of which betterment was admitted.

In view of this fact, therefore, I am directed to request that you may be good enough to agree to the terms of compensation proposed in my letter of January 11.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

W. E. LEVESON,

Secretary.

Messrs. WILLIAM LITTLE & Co.

Shanghai, January 24, 1908.

SIR,—We beg to acknowledge your letter of 20th instant in which you contend that, because the building we are erecting is of foreign design, the value of the property is increased by the road being widened.

We may point out that when arranging for rebuilding we had no idea that the theory of betterment would be brought up as applying to localities solely used for Chinese business, and a serious deduction made from the value of the land to be surrendered.

The old building would probably have stood for another twenty years.

We maintain our request for compensation as already detailed and regret that we do not see our way to accept your counter offer.

We are, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

p. pro. WILLIAM LITTLE & Co.,

H. W. DALDY.

The SECRETARY,
Municipal Council.

Council Room,

Shanghai, January 30, 1908.

GENTLEMEN,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of January 24, on the subject of the frontage of Cadastral lot 260 required for the widening of the Foochow and Honan Roads. In view of the fact that no betterment is admitted even in respect of the portion to be rebuilt with houses of foreign design, I am to state that the case will be referred for settlement to the Land Commission, due notice of whose next sitting will be communicated to you.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

W. E. LEVESON,

Secretary.

Messrs. WILLIAM LITTLE & Co.

Chiao-fung Road.—A letter from the owner of Cadastral Lot 1199 is submitted drawing attention to the apparent injustice involved by the fact that she is called upon to surrender almost the whole of the road, while from lot 658 opposite, which rears equal advantage no land is taken. Since the road was scheduled before either lot was registered the Council declines any responsibility for this state of affairs.

Rangwan Road.—A report by the Engineer draws attention to the hardship imposed upon the native owner of land surrendered for this road adjoining the Whashing Road. His property measures Mow 2.187 of which Mow 1.12 has been surrendered for road purposes at proclamation prices, and the Council approves of the purchase of the entire lot at the rate of Tls. 1,200 per mow, less the small sum already received. By this step a surplus frontage area of Mow 1.067 will remain for use or sub-letting.

Yangtsepoa Road.—With regard to Cadastral Lot 6001 the Shanghai Land Investment Co., Ltd. writes desiring that the road surrender stand over for the present, upon condition that any buildings erected on the scheduled portion be hereafter removed at the Council's request without claim for compensation. The road being of sufficient width at present for practical purposes the Council assents to the proposal, upon the further condition that the price suggested be now agreed to.

Shanghai, December 5, 1907.

DEAR SIR.—We have before us your letter of the 13th instant requesting us to formulate a claim for compensation for the land required for the Yangtsepoa Road widening from Cadastral Lot 6001 as shown on your plan No. 1884 submitted to us.

A survey has been made of the property and buildings thereon and it has been found that the new plan varies somewhat from the old plans in our possession and on the basis of which building application No. 4555 was sent in to you. From the new Plan copy of which we enclose it appears that the distance between the seasoning shed on the south side marked A and the sawmill on the North side of the property marked B is only 175-ft. 9-in. and the strip marked red thereon showing the proposed road widening would measure about mow 0.17.8.

Our clients have authorised us to say that they are prepared to sell to the Council the land required for this road widening at the rate of Tls. 3,500 per mow plus 10 per cent for compulsory surrender.

We are, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

The Shanghai Land Investment
Co. Ltd.

PHILIP PEEBLES,

Manager.

C. MAYNE, Esq.,

Municipal Engineer.

Council Room,

Shanghai, December 20, 1907.

GENTLEMEN,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of December 5, addressed to the Municipal Engineer, in respect to a portion of Cadastral Lot 6001 required for the widening of the Yangtsepoa Road.

In reply thereto I am to state that the Council assents to the rate at which compensation is claimed, Tls. 3,500 per mow with 10 per cent added, provided that the owners will permit the usual reduction of one-third to be made. This course is regarded as desirable in the case in point since the property is a large one and dependent in a measure for its value upon the fact that it has extensive water frontage, while the ultimate completion of the further eastern section of the Yangtsepoa Road as a broad main thoroughfare cannot fail to enhance its value.

I am, Gentleman,

Your obedient servant,

W. E. LEVESON,

Secretary.

Messrs. The SHANGHAI LAND
INVESTMENT CO. LTD.

Shanghai, January 25, 1908.

DEAR SIR.—With reference to the surrender of land from the lot 6001, we do not consider that the widening of the Yangtsepoa Road at this point would be of value at the present time and would suggest that the question of widening the road be for the present left in abeyance by the Council and that permission be given to complete the erection of the wood seasoning shed as per building application No. 4555.

Our clients authorise us to state that they are prepared to surrender the strip as per Plan sent in to you with our letter of December 5, at any future period when same may be required by the Council without claiming from the Council compensation for cost of removing part of the seasoning shed which will be built on the strip scheduled for road widening.

We are, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

The SHANGHAI LAND INVESTMENT
Co. Ltd.

PHILIP PEEBLES,

Manager.

C. MAYNE, Esq.,

Municipal Engineer.

Council Room,

Shanghai, January 30, 1908.

GENTLEMEN.—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of January 25, addressed to the Municipal Engineer, and to assent to the proposal therein contained that the question of the widening of the Yangtsepoa Road ex Cadastral Lot 6001 remain in abeyance for the present upon certain conditions, provided that the amount of

compensation proposed in the Council's letter of December 20 be now agreed to.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Messrs. The SHANGHAI LAND
INVESTMENT Co. LTD.

Shanghai, January 31, 1908.

DEAR SIR,—We are authorised by our clients to accept on their behalf the amount of compensation payable for land surrendered ex Cadastral Lot 6001 proposed in the Council's letter of December 20 on the condition that the actual widening be not carried out for the present.

We are, Dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,

The Shanghai Land Investment
Co., Ltd.

PHILIP PEEBLES,
Manager.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.
Secretary, Municipal Council.

Great Western Road.—The case of Cadastral Lot 1712, Registered owner R. Hough, is authorised for submission to the Land Commission in accordance with the following letters:

Shanghai, June 14, 1907.

DEAR SIR,—We are in receipt of your letter of April 26 last informing us that you consider the price asked for by the owner of Cadastral Lot 1,712 was excessive. Since, however, writing to you offering that price, the land has changed ownership, and we have now to inform you that such an offer is now withdrawn so far as it concerns the previous owner of the land; and we are now instructed by the present beneficial owner of the lot to state that he would be prepared to surrender to the Council so much of the land as may be required for the Great Western Road widening at the rate of Tls. 5,000 per mow.

Yours truly,

HANSON, McNEILL & JONES.

C. MAYNE, Esq.,
Municipal Engineer.

Council Room,

Shanghai, July 6, 1907.

GENTLEMEN,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of June 14, addressed to the Municipal Engineer, claiming compensation for the portion of Cadastral Lot 1,712 required for the extension of the Great Western Road, at the rate Tls. 5,000 per mow.

In reply, I am directed to inform you, that in view of the character of the buildings in course of construction on the land in question, the benefit conferred by a road at this point is, in the

Council's opinion, sufficient to warrant free surrender of the strip in question. In the event of this course proving unacceptable, I am directed to state that the Council would prefer that the case be referred for decision by the Land Commission.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Messrs. HANSON McNEILL & JONES.

Shanghai, January 10, 1908.

DEAR SIR,—Referring to our letter to Mr. C. Mayne of June 14 last, and to your reply thereto dated July 6 informing us that the Council would prefer that the matter of compensation be referred to the Land Commission, we shall be glad to hear that the matter has been referred to the Land Commission as we should like the amount of compensation to be settled as soon as possible.

Your truly,

HANSON, McNEILL & JONES.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.
Secretary, Municipal Council.

Official Plans, 1908.—That of the Central District, shewing the amendments proposed by the Works Committee, is submitted and approved. The only important change is that the scheduled width of the Kiukiang Road between the Kiangse and Hoopoh Roads is increased from 30 to 40 feet, a measure dictated by traffic considerations. The rounding of important road corners to a radius fixed in each case, and the standardisation of the splay for others, are also noted.

Private Roads.

A petition from the residents in Ford Lane is read, desiring that the Lane be lit, policed, and supplied with hydrants, as a return for payment of Municipal rates, and a general discussion ensues on the subject of the treatment by the Council of private roads and alleyways throughout the Settlement. So far as policing is concerned this is performed wherever required; the erection of hydrants on private properties must at all times be a matter for arrangement between the owners and the Waterworks Company and, in regard to public lighting, the members are unanimously of opinion that public lamps should not be erected on private properties except at the cost of the owners or tenants.

For the convenience of the residents of Ford Lane it is however decided to make up, metal, and light, the strip of the Batavia Road recently acquired connecting the Lane with Thorburn Road.

Allusion is made to the erroneous impression which to some extent prevails that Municipal taxes are levied for the direct purpose of defraying the cost of public works in, and of policing, the immediate neighbourhood of the rated premises concerned. It appears therefore necessary to record the view that payment of the General Municipal Rate entitles householders to no more than the general privileges which the Settlement offers as a place of residence; and that Police protection, roads, lighting, etc., must inevitably be less complete on the outskirts.

Bundings.

Hongkew Creek.—Noting the assent of Messrs. E. D. Sassoon & Co. to contribute two-thirds of the cost of making up and metalling the Sawgin Road and one-half of that of the Dixwell Road, opposite Cadastral Lots 320 and 330, a total payment of Tls. 3,573, the Council authorises proceeding with the bunding of the Hongkew Creek adjoining these properties.

Landing Accommodation.

Soochow Creek.—An application from Messrs. Stokes, Platt and Teesdale is submitted, with reference to the landing places between the North Thibet and Winchester Roads. The erection of an additional jetty is approved, upon the understanding that the whole of the cost of the work be borne by the applicants, and that a definite undertaking be received that no better facilities or advantages shall accrue as a result of this payment over those enjoyed by the general public.

Bridges.

Kiangse Road.—Noting that the cost of removing the temporary bridge at the Astor Road and re-erecting it at the Kiangse Road would be Tls. 300 higher than that of repairing the existing Kiangse Road Bridge, and that the estimated life of the structure would be less, it is decided to proceed with the latter work.

Municipal Properties.

Sinza Market.—In connexion with the project formulated by the Watch Committee for reserving the whole of Cadastral Lot 420 for Police purposes, that is for the expansion of the Sinza Police Station, negotiations have been concluded for the purchase of lots 456, 456A, and 457 at an all round price of Tls. 9,500 per mow with 2½ per cent brokerage. Total area transferred Mow 2.577; Price Tls. 25,093.50. The new

property has the advantage of a corner situation on the Avenue and Chengtu Roads and is otherwise suitable for a market.

Use of the Town Hall.

An application from the President of the Chinese Amateur Dramatic Club, is submitted, desiring permission to use the building for two dramatic performances. It is decided in reply to state that the use of the Town Hall for these purposes, although granted last years a an exceptional case during the repairs to the Lyceum Theatre, cannot be sanctioned in this instance.

Land Assessment

Plan of the Western District is laid on the table whereon Messrs. Scott and Algar have marked valuations as a basis for taxation. These are ordered for publication as usual.

Cadastral Number of lot.	Value per mow T'ls.	Cadastral Number of lot.	Value per mow. T'ls.
1	18,000	162	8,500
6	20,000	164	11,000
10	20,000	170	8,000
12	20,000	171	10,000
15	22,000	173	7,000
20	12,000	175	8,000
22	10,000	176	6,000
30	12,000	177	9,000
32	12,000	178	9,000
34	8,000	180	12,000
45	8,000	185	13,000
46	8,000	190	14,000
51	12,000	195	13,000
55	8,000	201	18,000
57	8,000	205	14,000
58	8,000	210	9,000
59	8,000	211	6,000
60	8,000	231	12,000
63	13,000	234	11,000
65	11,000	235	6,000
66	12,000	236	6,000
71	12,000	238	10,000
73	10,000	242	11,000
75	10,000	254	5,000
76	9,000	261	6,000
77	9,000	265	5,000
78	9,000	281	5,000
79	9,000	291	5,000
81	9,000	294	6,000
82	9,000	298	5,000
83	9,000	300	6,000
85	10,000	306	6,000
87	8,500	308	8,500
89	8,000	316	5,000
90	8,500	320	5,000
92	8,500	321	5,000
93	9,000	324	8,000
94	9,000	325	8,000
95	9,000	326	5,000
96	7,000	329	5,000
97	9,000	330	8,000
98	7,000	331	5,000
99	9,000	332	6,000
100	8,000	336	7,000
102	8,000	338	8,000
103	8,500	341	9,000
104	10,000	342	8,000
105	9,000	343	7,500
106	9,000	351	8,000
109	9,000	353	8,500
110	8,000	355	6,000
111	9,000	360	8,000
112	9,500	361	6,000
114	9,000	363	6,000

117	9,000	370	9,000	608	7,000	895	5,000
126	8,000	371	7,500	610	5,000	905	4,500
132	9,000	375	7,000	613	7,000	906	4,000
140	9,000	377	7,000	615	7,500	907	4,000
141	9,000	381	7,000	616	6,000	908	4,000
142	8,000	382	7,000	617	7,000	910	4,000
149	6,000	384	7,000	618	6,500	917	5,000
150	6,000	385	8,500	620	6,500	935	5,000
151	6,000	390	7,000	621	6,500	936	4,000
152	6,000	392	6,000	623	9,000	940	4,000
153	6,000	394	7,500	624	6,000	942	4,000
155	9,000	396	6,000	625	9,000	943	3,800
157	9,000	397	8,500	627	9,000	945	3,800
158	8,000	402	8,000	628	6,000	947	3,500
159	9,000	404	7,000	629	6,000	950	3,500
406	8,000	631	6,000	966	3,500	1253	5,000
407	6,000	633	6,500	968	3,500	1254	5,000
412	9,000	634	7,000	969	3,500	1260	8,000
416	7,000	635	7,000	970	3,800	1265	11,000
417	7,000	644	9,000	973	4,000	1270	9,000
418	7,000	645	7,500	977	4,000	1274	5,000
420	9,000	647	8,000	978	4,000	1287	5,000
437	6,000	650	6,000	979	3,750	1289	7,000
438	6,000	652	6,000	981	3,500	1291	8,000
439	6,000	655	9,000	983	3,800	1298	10,000
440	8,500	658	11,000	986	4,000	1300	15,000
342	8,500	661	9,000	996	4,500	1304	10,000
451	7,000	663	9,000	998	4,500	1320	6,000
452	7,000	665	9,000	1000	4,500	1325	8,000
454	7,000	666	9,000	1001	4,500	1330	6,000
455	9,500	608	8,000	1021	4,250	1331	6,000
456A	9,500	669	8,000	1025	5,500	1333	7,000
457	9,500	670	10,000	1027	4,500	1335	5,000
458	6,000	672	8,500	1032	4,000	1345	5,000
460	4,500	673	8,000	1033	4,000	1346	5,000
479	7,000	675	9,000	1034	3,800	1349	5,500
480	8,000	684	7,000	1036	3,800	1350	6,000
481	8,500	685	9,000	1037	3,800	1355	7,000
482	8,000	686	9,000	1040	4,500	1360	7,000
483	8,500	688	8,000	1044	4,500	1365	5,000
484	9,500	695	1,000	1046	4,500	1366	4,500
493	9,500	701	8,500	1050	4,500	1367	4,500
495	9,000	702	8,000	1056	3,500	1370	5,000
497	9,000	705	7,500	1057	4,000	1371	4,500
499	9,500	706	5,000	1058	4,000	1390	4,500
502	8,000	707	6,000	1064	4,000	1392	4,000
507	6,500	709	6,000	1065	4,000	1393	4,500
510	9,000	710	6,000	1066	4,000	1394	4,000
512	6,000	711	5,000	1076	5,000	1395	4,000
515	7,500	712	6,000	1088	8,000	1396	3,500
520	7,000	713	6,000	1089	9,000	1397	4,000
525	7,000	717	5,000	1090	9,000	1398	4,000
530	7,500	719	4,000	1091	7,000	1400	4,000
538	4,000	721	5,000	1092	8,000	1405	4,000
543	4,000	73	6,000	1095	7,000	1406	4,000
546	4,000	733	5,000	1097	4,500	1407	4,500
547	4,000	740	5,000	1100	4,500	1410	4,500
548	4,000	745	4,000	1101	4,500	1411	3,500
554	4,000	750	4,000	1103	4,500	1415	5,000
555	4,000	752	4,000	1105	4,500	1420	5,000
558	4,500	764	5,500	1107	4,500	1425	5,000
561	4,000	765	7,500	1108	4,500	1427	4,250
562	4,500	767	5,500	1110	7,000	1429	4,000
563	4,500	770	6,000	1114	6,500	1443	4,500
564	4,000	781	4,000	1115	6,000	1444	6,000
570	4,000	791	3,700	1123	4,500	1445	6,000
572	4,500	795	3,500	1124	4,500	1446	4,500
581	6,000	801	4,500	1125	4,500	1447	4,500
582	5,500	802	4,500	1126	4,500	1448	6,000
583	5,000	805	4,500	1127	4,500	1450	6,000
584	6,000	806	4,000	1128	4,000	1451	6,000
591	5,500	807	4,000	1130	4,500	1452	6,000
594	5,500	808	4,000	1151	4,000	1453	4,000
596	7,000	809	4,000	1155	6,000	1455	4,500
597	7,000	860	4,750	1159	6,000	1457	7,000
598	8,000	861	4,750	1160	5,500	1458	12,000
599	5,500	862	4,000	1161	4,500	1475	10,000
600	7,500	866	4,500	1163	5,500	1478	9,000
601	7,000	870	4,000	1165	5,000	1480	9,000
603	7,000	875	4,000	1171	5,000	1485	3,500
604	7,000	880	4,000	1175	6,000	1487	3,500
605	5,000	885	4,750	1180	6,000	1490	3,500
607	7,000	890	4,500	1181	6,000	1495	5,000

1201	4,000	1498	6,000	1778	3,000	2240	4,250	2636	1,500	2890	5,000
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1211	7,000	1517	3,500	1798	3,250	2270	5,000	2640	1,500	2897	2,700
1212	8,000	1528	6,000	1803	3,500	2283	2,750	2647	1,500	2911	3,000
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1231	7,500	1545	3,250	1828	2,750	2287	2,500	2652	1,500	2945	6,000
1232	7,500	1550	5,000	1830	3,000	2290	2,750	2654	1,500	2950	5,500
1233	9,000	1556	5,500	1833	2,750	2292	3,250	2658	1,500	2956	3,500
1234	8,000	1572	6,000	1835	2,750	2293	3,500	2678	1,700	2957	4,000
1235	7,000	1573	4,500	1837	2,750	2295	3,500	2679	1,500	2960	3,500
1240	7,000	1574	6,000	1845	2,750	2304	3,750	2680	2,250	2961	4,500
1246	7,000	1576	5,000	1858	4,500	2305	2,500	268	2,400	2965	4,500
1252	5,000	1577	5,000	1860	4,500	2306	2,500	2682	2,250	2967	4,000
1578	4,000	1890	4,500	1861	4,500	2308	3,000	3000	5,500	2984	4,000
1585	5,500	1891	5,000	1863	2,750	2309	5,000	3005	4,000	2985	7,000
1587	4,000	1911	3,500	1865	2,750	2310	3,500	3007	6,000	2990	7,000
1603	5,000	1915	3,750	1870	3,500	2315	3,250	3020	3,000	2995	7,000
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1605	6,000	1918	4,500	1878	4,000	2320	3,000	3028	2,500	3257	3,500
1614	6,000	1919	4,500	1879	4,000	2321	3,500	3029	2,500	3259	3,000
1615	4,750	1920	3,500	1880	3,000	2322	3,250	3030	5,000	3260	2,500
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1624	4,000	1933	4,500	2332	3,250	2684	2,250	3040	4,000	3265	3,500
1625	4,000	1934	4,500	2340	3,000	2701	2,750	3041	4,000	3268	3,500
1626	4,250	1944	4,500	2350	2,500	2703	2,500	3043	4,000	3269	2,750
1627	4,250	1945	4,500	2351	3,000	2705	2,500	3046	4,000	3276	2,750
1629	4,500	1949	4,500	2352	2,500	2706	2,500	3050	4,000	3279	3,500
1635	4,500	1950	3,500	2353	2,750	2708	3,000	3064	2,500	3280	3,500
1640	4,500	1955	3,500	2374	3,500	2710	3,000	3065	2,500	3281	2,750
1641	4,500	1960	8,000	2379	3,750	2711	3,000	3069	2,500	3282	3,500
1645	5,000	1965	8,000	2380	3,500	2723	2,500	3070	2,500	3286	3,500
1646	5,500	1970	3,500	2386	4,500	2724	2,500	3071	2,500	3288	3,000
1648	5,500	1973	3,500	2390	5,000	2730	3,000	3075	2,500	3289	2,000
1649	6,000	1983	4,000	2394	4,000	2736	1,500	3076	3,000	3290	2,000
1650	5,500	1985	4,000	2395	3,750	2742	1,500	3077	2,500	3294	2,000
1670	2,750	1988	4,500	2397	4,000	2743	1,500	3078	3,000	3299	3,000
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1686	3,500	1995	3,500	2414	3,750	2755	3,500	3085	3,500	3310	1,400
1687	4,500	1997	8,000	2415	3,500	2757	4,000	3086	3,500	3340	3,000
1688	4,000	2000	10,000	2416	3,500	2760	4,000	3087	4,000	3341	3,000
1690	4,500	2002	6,500	2420	4,500	2780	2,700	3089	4,000	3343	3,000
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1699	3,750	2019	10,000	2437	3,500	2784	3,000	3102	2,500	3350	2,500
1700	3,750	2020	6,000	2446	4,500	2787	3,000	3107	4,000	3351	3,500
1701	4,500	2025	3,000	2447	3,750	2789	3,000	3108	4,000	3352	3,250
1702	3,750	2050	4,500	2448	4,000	2797	3,000	3111	3,000	3354	2,000
1706	4,000	2056	3,500	2454	4,000	2801	3,500	3112	4,000	3355	2,000
1708	3,750	2063	5,000	2457	4,000	2802	3,500	3113	4,000	3366	3,000
1712	4,000	2064	3,000	2460	4,000	2803	3,500	3114	3,000	3368	3,500
1714	4,000	2065	5,000	2463	4,000	2805	3,500	3115	4,000	3370	3,500
1715	4,000	2068	6,000	2464	3,000	2806	2,700	3116	4,000	3371	3,500
1716	3,750	2070	8,000	2468	4,000	2811	4,000	3117	4,000	3372	3,250
1719	3,500	2073	6,000	2470	4,000	2813	4,000	3119	3,000	3382	2,250
1720	3,750	2076	6,000	2471	3,500	2814	4,000	3121	3,500	3385	1,500
1725	3,750	2080	5,000	2507	3,000	2816	4,000	3122	3,500	3386	2,200
1737	3,750	2085	4,500	2509	2,000	2820	4,500	3141	4,000	3390	2,250
1738	3,750	2095	7,000	2510	3,000	2828	4,000	3150	4,000	3395	2,250
1739	3,750	2099	8,000	2511	3,000	2830	4,000	3166	3,500	3398	3,250
1740	4,000	2119	5,000	2520	3,000	2831	4,000	3168	2,500	3400	3,500
1741	3,750	2120	4,000	2530	2,000	2833	3,500	3169	3,500	3401	3,500
1751	4,000	2136	4,500	2531	2,000	2835	3,500	3176	3,000	3403	3,000
1752	4,250	2148	4,000	2532	2,000	2836	3,500	3177	4,000	3404	3,750
1753	4,250	2155	4,500	2537	2,000	2840	3,500	3180	4,000	3405	3,500
1754	3,750	2161	3,750	2539	3,000	2841	3,500	3181	4,000	3406	3,750
1755	3,750	2166	3,750	2542	2,250	2842	3,000	3185	3,000	3407	4,000
1756	3,250	2178	3,750	2543	2,500	2843	3,500	3188	3,250	3408	4,000
1757	3,750	2190	3,500	2546	2,500	2844	3,700	3191	3,000	3409	4,000
1758	3,750	2191	7,000	2547	3,000	2846	3,500	3192	2,500	3426	2,000
1759	3,500	2194	6,000	2550	2,500	2847	3,500	3193	2,500	3433	2,500
1761	3,500	2200	3,000	2551	2,500	2848	3,500	3195	3,000	3436	3,500
1762	3,500	2215	4,250	2553	2,500	2849	3,500	3196	3,750	3437	2,500
1763	3,500	2216	6,000	2555	2,500	2850	4,000	3197	3,500	3443	4,000
1766	3,250	2219	3,750	2556	2,500	2860	5,000	3199	2,500	3445	3,500
1768	3,250	2220	3,000	2563	2,500	2861	4,000	3201	2,500	3446	4,000
1772	2,750	2221	3,000	2571	3,000	2881	4,500	3203	3,500	3448	4,000
1773	3,000	2225	3,000	2580	2,750	2883	4,250	3205	3,500	3450	3,000
1774	3,000	2228	3,750	2590	2,500	2884	5,500	3206	4,000	3455	4,000
1777	3,000	2230	5,000	2592	1,500	2887	5,000	3208	3,500	3456	2,500

						No. of apprehensions.	
						Offences.	
3209	3,500	3457	2,500	4190	1,500	4724	1,500
3210	2,500	3459	2,000	4195	2,200	4725	1,200
3212	2,500	3461	2,000	4215	2,400	4726	1,500
3215	3,500	3462	2,500	4218	2,400	4728	1,200
3216	2,500	3463	2,000	4220	1,600	4729	1,200
3218	2,500	3464	2,000	4226	1,600	4730	1,000
3223	3,500	3465	2,000	4247	2,400	4731	1,000
3228	3,500	3470	3,750	4249	1,500	4733	1,200
3230	3,500	3485	4,500	4250	2,400	4734	1,200
3240	4,000	3486	4,500	4260	2,400	4736	1,200
3241	3,500	3487	3,500	4261	2,400	4737	1,200
3245	3,500	3490	4,000	4262	2,400	4739	1,200
3246	3,500	3491	4,500	4270	2,600	4741	1,200
3247	3,000	3508	3,000	4300	1,600	4742	1,500
3249	3,500	3509	3,000	4301	1,600	4745	1,200
3250	3,500	3510	3,500	4302	1,600	4748	1,200
3251	3,500	3511	3,000	4304	1,600	4750	700
3252	3,500	3515	4,500	4306	1,600	4751	1,200
3520	4,000	4310	3,500	4752	1,200	5580	1,300
3522	4,500	4315	3,500	4754	1,200	5581	1,200
3525	4,500	4320	3,500	4755	1,200	5590	600
3527	4,000	4325	3,500	4765	1,200	5603	1,500
3529	4,000	4328	3,000	4835	1,500	5604	1,500
3531	4,000	4333	2,400	4836	1,000	5605	1,500
3541	2,500	4334	2,400	4838	1,000	5606	1,000
3542	2,500	4335	2,400	4839	1,000	5620	1,000
3543	3,500	4350	2,200	4841	1,500	5624	1,000
3546	4,000	4351	2,200	4842	1,500	5625	1,000
3548	4,500	4381	1,500	4892	1,500	5630	1,000
3553	4,500	4390	3,000	4893	1,500	5632	1,200
3555	3,000	4391	1,200	4896	1,500	5649	700
3556	4,000	4394	1,200	4897	1,500	5650	1,500
3558	2,000	4395	1,000	4927	1,200	5652	1,500
3559	1,500	4396	1,200	4928	1,500	5655	1,500
3560	2,500	4400	1,000	4931	1,500	5656	1,500
3562	3,000	4420	1,000	4932	1,200	5659	1,500
3565	3,000	4423	1,000	4933	1,200	5660	2,000
3568	3,000	4431	1,500	4934	1,200	5661	1,250
3570	2,500	4432	1,000	4965	1,250	5670	1,250
3571	2,500	4433	1,500	4970	1,250	5738	1,200
3572	2,500	4438	1,500	4975	1,250	5740	700
3573	2,500	4440	600	4976	800	5780	600
3574	2,500	4455	1,500	4982	800	5800	1,000
3576	2,000	4457	1,000	4985	800	5816	1,000
3588	2,000	4459	1,250	4994	1,250	5818	800
3591	2,000	4461	1,500	4995	800	5900	500
3635	1,750	4465	1,500	5000	1,500	5920	500
3639	1,750	4466	1,500	5005	1,200	6100	1,500
3640	1,750	4467	1,500	5006	1,200	6101	1,500
3642	2,600	4468	1,250	5015	500	6106	500
3648	2,600	4469	1,250	5090	1,000	6108	500
3659	2,750	4470	1,250	5099	600	6125	1,500
3660	2,600	4480	1,750	5100	600	6140	2,000
3661	2,600	4481	1,750	5130	600	6150	1,800
3662	1,750	4486	2,200	5160	1,000	6200	1,800
3697	2,400	4510	600	5170	1,000	6215	1,400
3700	2,400	4511	600	5175	1,000	6220	1,400
3800	2,400	4526	500	5176	1,000	6223	2,000
3803	2,400	4528	500	5177	1,000	6227	1,400
3840	2,600	4560	700	5178	1,000	6229	2,000
3845	2,400	4561	700	5201	1,000	6230	2,000
3860	1,800	4569	700	5230	1,200	6231	2,000
3862	2,400	4575	1,200	5231	1,000	6232	1,400
3864	2,400	4580	700	5250	1,000	6247	1,400
3866	2,400	4590	1,200	5430	1,000	6250	2,000
3870	2,400	4595	1,200	5455	1,200	6251	2,000
3872	2,400	4600	1,000	5456	1,000	6253	2,000
3904	2,400	4601	1,200	5457	1,200	6304	2,000
3906	2,400	4602	1,200	5458	1,200	6305	1,400
3911	1,600	4603	700	5488	1,000	6330	1,500
3930	600	4626	1,200	5495	1,500		
3946	1,250	4628	1,200				
3947	2,400	4635	700				
3948	2,400	4639	700				
3950	2,400	4640	1,500				
3952	1,250	4666	500				
4000	600	4667	600				
4163	1,000	4700	500				
4170	700	4701	500				
4175	2,000	4702	500				
4180	2,000	4711	1,500				
4185	1,200	4715	1,500				
4187	1,500	4717	1,000				

The meeting adjourns at 6.50 p.m.

The following documents are forwarded for publication with the foregoing minutes :—

Police Report.

Return of apprehensions, etc., made during the week ending Friday, January 31, 1908.

Total number of persons coming under the notice of the Police1810
Chinese dead bodies found in streets ... 12
Unmuzzled dogs captured 26
Unmuzzled dogs shot 25

C. D. BRUCE,
Captain Superintendent of Police
Health Department.
Notification of Infectious Disease.

	The following have been reported during the week ending Sunday, February 21, 1908.	
	Deaths among Chinese population of 530,000.	Cases notified among Non-Chinese population of 14,500.
Small-pox.	9	1
Cholera.	0	0
Typhoid Fever.	—	1
Diphtheria.	1	0
Scarlet Fever.	0	0
Tuberculosis.	6	0
Total Deaths from all Causes	128	4

ARTHUR STANLEY,
Health Officer.

The Municipal Gazette.

SUPPLEMENT TO THE NORTH-CHINA HERALD.

No. 5.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1908.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1885.

CLOSE SEASON FOR GAME.

THE public is hereby reminded that the sale of pheasants is prohibited after February 16, and that of deer, hare, partridges and all small birds after March 1.

No prohibition attaches to the sale of snipe, quail, woodcock and wild fowl.

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,

Secretary.

Council Room,

Shanghai, February 10, 1908.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1887.

ROAD EXTENSIONS AND WIDENINGS.

NOTICE is hereby given that a plan showing ROAD WIDENINGS in the CENTRAL DISTRICT, as required in Articles VI and VII of the Land Regulations, is now open to inspection at the Public Works Office. Copies thereof, when prepared, will be sent to the several Consular Land Offices.

Landowners and agents are reminded that, under the provisions of Land Regulation VII proprietors have the right, for three months after the publication of notice that the plans are open to inspection, to protest in writing against any road extension or widening therein scheduled, following thereafter the procedure laid down in that Regulation.

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,

Secretary.

Council Room,

Shanghai, February 10, 1908.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1888.

TOWN HALL.

NOTICE is hereby given that the charge for the use of the Town Hall for dances or other social functions is Tls. 130 per diem, exclusive of the cost of electricity consumed.

The charge for the North Room only, inclusive of lighting, is Tls. 15 per diem or Tls. 10 for the afternoon only.

Applications should be addressed to the undersigned.

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,

Secretary.

Council Room,

Shanghai, February 10, 1908.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1889.

PUBLIC SCHOOL FOR CHINESE.

THE School will re-open on Monday, February 17, at 9 o'clock a.m. The Fee for the term is \$15. The Headmaster will attend at the School, No. 35 Elgin Road, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, February 13, 14 and 15 to receive new pupils.

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,

Secretary.

Council Room,

Shanghai, February 10, 1908.

THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, February 5, 1908, at 4.30 p.m., there are present:

Messrs. D. Landale (*Chairman*)

A. W. Burkill

J. C. Hanson

W. D. Little

A. D. Lowe

J. H. McMichael

O. Meuser

J. Prentice

E. B. Skottowe

The Secretary and

Assistant Secretary.

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Volunteers.

Reserve Company.—The resignation of Lieutenant W. N. Fleming, forwarded by the Commandant, is accepted with regret.

Police.

Dog Muzzling.—As a result of recommendations by the Health Officer on the subject of cases of rabies in the neighbourhood of Range Road, the strict enforcement of the muzzling order by the Police is directed, and it is decided to call general attention to the matter by means of a Municipal Notification.

Mixed Court

The attention of members is drawn to a case heard by the Court on January 27, and again on January 29, in which a man, certified by the Police to have been a respectable shopkeeper in business in the Lloyd Road for the past twenty-five years, was arrested upon a warrant issued at the instance of the City Magistrate, and charged suc-

cessively with "being a loafer," with fraudulently selling title deeds, and with being concerned in recent outrages in Pootung. The accused was handed over to the custody of the Magistrate and imprisoned in the House of Detention for defendants in civil suits, in contravention of the understanding arrived at in the summer of 1906 when the erection of this building was sanctioned. A petition in protest at this decision from a number of rice merchants was submitted, and it is understood that as a result of special intervention the accused has been liberated on bail. Directions are given that the further development of the case receive special attention at the hands of the Police.

Fire Brigade.

A letter from the French Council is read suggesting that the plant, etc., at present in use by the French Company, shall be regarded as the property of the French Council, after the separation of the Settlements for fire purposes. The Council assents to this proposal as generally upon an equitable basis.

Translation of letter from the French Council, dated January 16, 1908.

SIR,—From your letter dated December 10 last, I note that the Council has been good enough to accede to the request addressed to it by the French Municipal Council as to prolonging the existing arrangement with the Fire Brigade Department for three months.

A question to which the Council has directed me to draw your attention is the understanding which must necessarily take place with reference to the material taken in charge by the Torrent Company.

For several years the French Municipal Council has contributed by annual payments to the purchase of material and the actual organization of the Brigade, and considers therefore that the Council will raise no objection if the existing engines revert to the Company as a fair return for the sums spent.

Since the steam fire engine is the property of the Municipality the surrender which the Municipal Council will thus make is of small importance, and is as follows:—

- 3 Horse hose reels,
- 30 Hose
- 3 Hand Lamps
- 1 Ladder (small)
- 3 Fire Hooks

There to must also be added the uniform and axes, etc., which the firemen possess, together with two horses and three ponies.

The French Municipal Council would consequently be pleased to come to an agreement with you upon this subject,

which would have the effect of simplifying the question of separation in so far as apportionment to each party is concerned.

I am, etc.,

G. LAFERRIERE,

Secretary.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,
Secretary, Municipal Council.

Council Room,
Shanghai, February 8, 1908.

SIR,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of January 16, on the subject of the steam fire engine and other material, plant and stud in use by "Le Torrent" Company.

In reply I am directed to state that the Council regards the proposed retention of this gear by the French Council as a convenient and equitable arrangement, and assents thereto as part of the scheme for the division of the Brigade which will have effect from March 31 next.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. E. LEVESON,

Secretary.

G. LAFERRIERE, Esq.,

Secretary,

French Municipal Council.

Public School for Chinese.

The acceptance by Dr. J. C. Ferguson of a seat on the Committee of this school is received and recorded.

Council Room,
Shanghai, February 1, 1908.

SIR,—I am directed to inquire whether you are willing to fill the vacancy on the Committee of the Public School for Chinese brought about by the resignation of the Reverend F. L. Hawks Pott in July last.

Your knowledge of native educational matters generally, and the fact that you were at the outset intimately connected with the movement which resulted in the foundation of the School, form the chief grounds which have led to the desire of the Committee and the Council to obtain your assistance in this connexion. I am directed, therefore, to express the hope that you will give your consent to serve.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. E. LEVESON,

Secretary.

Dr. J. C. FERGUSON.

Shanghai, February 3, 1908.

DEAR SIR,—In reply to your favour of the 1st instant requesting me to serve on the Committee of the Public School for Chinese I would say that I deeply appreciate the action of the Council in this matter and consent to fill the vacancy. I shall do my best to make the school fulfil the purpose of the Council and of the Chinese contributors in its foundation, with which I had some connexion.

Yours truly,

JOHN C. FERGUSON.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,

Secretary, Municipal Council.

General Hospital.

A return of the sums expended by the Hospital upon pauper patients during 1907 shows an aggregate of Tls. 4,265, and, in accordance with a promise made by the Council in July last, the question of the annual Municipal Grant is reconsidered. The Council is in favour of increasing this grant from Tls. 3,000 to Tls. 4,000, not, however, retrospectively.

Tramways.

At the suggestion of the Captain-Superintendent of Police the following warning is authorized for issue in the form of a native notification:—

"It having come to the notice of the Council that certain evilly-disposed persons, chiefly of the mafoo and riehshoolie class, are conspiring together and holding meetings to arrange to create trouble against the Tramway Company.

"This is to give due warning to all such persons and others who may hereafter cause any disturbance or who in any illegal manner may attempt to prevent or hinder the running of tramways that they will be dealt with most severely by the Police without further warning.

"Meetings for such a purpose as to arrange to hinder the proper and peaceful running of the tramways are improper, and persons found attending such meetings will be dealt with according to law.

"One such meeting is known to the Council to have taken place, and those who attended the meeting have used threatening and illegal language towards a legitimate and lawful undertaking. These people should now take warning and especially those mafoos who think they will escape punishment because they are in the service of foreigners.

"The tramways will in no way interfere with other trades, therefore let other trades not interfere with the tramways.

"Licenses for riehshas and carriages will continue to be issued as usual upon application at the Tax Office.

"It has been decided that the tramways shall run in the Settlement, so the action of ill-advised and evilly-disposed persons who attempt to prevent them will only bring retribution upon their own heads."

General Loans

The following calculation shows the sum to be expended in the redemption of debentures during 1908:—

Date of Loan	Balance outstanding	Years to run	Tls.
1892	45,400	5	9,080
1893	32,000	6	5,333
1895	32,600	8	4,075
1896	131,800	9	14,644
1897	268,400	10	26,840
1900	31,700	13	2,438
1901	200,000	14	14,285
1902	150,000	15	10,000
1903	151,500	16	9,468
1904	94,500	17	5,558
1905	95,900	18	5,328
1907	250,000	20	12,500

Tls. 119,549

J. C. BOSUSTOW,

Acting Accountant.

G. H. THOMSON,

Auditor

Land Assesment.

Eastern District.—Appeals against the valuations of Messrs. Scott and Algar for this District are submitted, together with the assessors' comment thereon, and reductions are, upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee, authorized in the following instances:—

Section A.

(a) Lots 1839/41. The Committee assents to the whole property being valued at Tls. 1,400 per mow.

(b) Lots 1944/5 are reduced in accordance with the assessors' recommendation to Tls. 2,500.

(c) Lot 818 is reduced to Tls. 2,200.

(d) Lot 1198 is reduced to Tls. 3,500.

(e) Lot 1572 is reduced to Tls. 2,000.

The protests in respect to lots 25, 31, 530, 1000 and 1037 are not upheld, the Committee observing that the valuations of lots on the water frontage have been arranged at decreasing values eastward from the Nippon Yusen Kaisha property to the Kung-ping Road, and thence more rapidly as the water becomes more shoal.

The protests with regard to lots 2026, 2032, 2090, 2426, 2460, 2510, 895 and neighbouring country lots, and 1585, are not upheld, upon the grounds that alteration would involve injustice to adjoining owners, and that the valuations are upon a moderate basis.

Section B.

(a) Lot 6013 is reduced to Tls. 2,800.

(b) Lot 6023 is reduced to Tls. 1,500.

Pingchiao Quarry.

The supply of granite and sand to the French Council for road-making purposes in the French Settlement has been arranged upon terms contained in the following correspondence:—

Translation of letter from the French Council, dated September 28, 1907.

SIR,—I am directed by the Municipal Council of the French Settlement to ask you to be kind enough to submit the following request for the consideration of the Municipal Council:—

The Municipal Administration has for several years met with great difficulties in procuring materials of good quality for macadamized paving especially since the beginning of work in connexion with the Shanghai-Nanking Railway. In the knowledge that at Pingchiao you possess quarries producing granite of the very first quality, the Administration thinks that perhaps your Council would consent to furnish the necessary granite for macadamizing roads in the French Settlement, when occasion arises without in any way inconveniencing the public service.

By a contract made for one, two or three years, the price at which you will deliver this material, and the minimum annual consumption, might be specified.

I have also to inform you, as an indication, that the Administration would undertake annually to take delivery of from 10,000 to 12,000 tons of 24 cubic feet.

I am, etc.,

G. LAFERRIERE,

Secretary.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,

Secretary, Municipal Council.

Council Room,
Shanghai, October 10, 1907.

SIR,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of September 28, and, in reply thereto, to state that the Council is not averse to supplying the French Council with granite from the Pingchiao quarry under certain conditions.

The rate to be charged, the place or places of delivery, and other matters in this connexion, should, in the Council's opinion, form the subject of negotiation between the Engineers to the two Councils, whereafter a more explicit reply will be made to your proposal.

I have only at present to state that a necessary clause in any contract on this subject will contain provision that the requirements of this Settlement take precedence.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

The SECRETARY,
French Municipal Council.

Council Room,
Shanghai, January 18, 1908.

SIR,—In continuation of my letter of October 10 I am now directed to state that the Council is prepared to supply the French Council with 12,000 tons of $\frac{3}{4}$ -in. and $\frac{1}{4}$ -in. granite chips and 2,000 tons of machine sand, annually for three years at an all-round price of Tls. 1.25 per ton of 24 cubic feet, delivered at the Pingchiao Quarry, the price to be liable to revision at the end of each year under mutual agreement.

The materials would be supplied in quantities aggregating not more than 3,000 tons in any one quarter, and with regard to transport, which costs the Council about Tls. 0.80 per ton, it will be understood that the French Council will make use of the contractor or contractors now in charge of the work, through the Public Works Department, so that no increase in cost is engendered by competition.

I am directed to express regret that this offer has been to some extent delayed owing to the fact that compliance with your request will involve laying down additional crushing plant, and calculation of the sale price of materials has thus been a matter of some difficulty.

The Council trusts that the suggested arrangements will prove acceptable.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

The SECRETARY,
French Municipal Council.

Translation of letter from the French Council, dated February 8, 1908.

SIR,—With reference to preceding correspondence on the subject of supply by the Council of granite and sand for macadamizing roads in the French Settlement, I am directed to inform you that the French Council decided at its meeting of January 28 last to accept in their entirety the conditions named in your letter of January 18 in

respect to the quantity of materials to be furnished during three years and at the price of Tls. 1.25 per ton.

The French Council in expressing its thanks relies entirely upon the Council in so far as the annual revision of the price per ton is concerned, and hopes that it will be subject to no increase during the duration of this arrangement.

The Engineer has received directions to come to an understanding with the person concerned as to delivery of the materials in question.

I am, etc.,
G. LAFERRIERE,
Secretary.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,
Secretary, Municipal Council.

Resignation of Member.

The Chairman alludes to the fact that this meeting is the last at which Mr. Skottowe will be present, owing to his forthcoming departure for England, and, on behalf of the members, he expresses appreciation of Mr. Skottowe's services and regret at his necessary resignation.

The meeting adjourns at 6.55 p.m.

The following documents are forwarded for publication with the foregoing minutes :—

Health Department.

Notification of Infectious Disease.

	Deaths among Chinese population of 530,000.	Cases notified among Non-Chinese population of 14,500.
Small-pox.	8	3
Cholera.	0	0
Typhoid Fever.	—	0
Diphtheria.	0	0
Scarlet Fever.	0	0
Tuberculosis.	6	0
Total Deaths from all Causes	162	5

ARTHUR STANLEY,
Health Officer.

Health Officer's Report for January.

The public health during January has been marked by the prevalence of small-pox and to a less extent of scarlet fever, diphtheria and typhoid fever. Among both foreigners and Chinese the number of deaths from small-pox, the most easily preventable of these diseases, was greater than from any other cause.

That this should occur in a community where exceptional facilities are afforded for vaccination is a matter for careful consideration. Nearly 3,000 tubes of vaccine, each sufficient for five vaccinations, were sent out from the Municipal Laboratory to places in the Far East ranging from Kobe in the North to Manila in the South. 116 vaccinations were done at the Health Office during the month and it is noteworthy that very few foreigners' servants were sent for vaccination. It is proposed to establish vaccinating centres in each sanitary district during the month of March, the most popular month for vaccination among the Chinese.

The Kong Kee Dairy, Sinza Road, and the Sing Kee Dairy, Bubbling Well Road, having each been prosecuted five times at the Mixed Court for adulteration of milk and fined \$740 and \$370 and imprisoned for two months and ten days, respectively, and adulteration having again been detected, the extreme step has been taken of closing these dairies, by withdrawing their licenses. Two so-called private dairies have also been detected selling adulterated milk. That these dairies are ostensibly under the protection of foreigners renders useful action more difficult.

The native company formed to bring down cattle by railway direct to the Cattle-sheds having almost ceased to function larger drafts have been brought down by this Department and sold to the butchers at a price, after covering expenses, which proves to be below the prevailing rates. It is proposed to continue to bring down cattle until the local dealers are willing to take their animals direct to the Municipal Cattle-sheds, in order to render sanitary supervision more effective, to avoid loss by disease, both in the insanitary cattle hongs at Pabsienjao and in the cattle boats, and, if possible, to reduce the cost to the customer.

Here follow tables of Vital Statistics, Infectious Disease and Outdoor Sanitary Work; Work done in the Municipal Laboratory, Municipal Hospital and Slaughterhouse; and lists of Laundries, Dairies and Dealers in Perishable Food-stuffs, etc., licensed for the protection of the Public Health.

ARTHUR STANLEY,
Health Officer

	Deaths.		Native.
	Foreign.	Non-Resident.	
Small-pox	4	3	64
Cholera	0	0	0
Typhoid Fever	2	0	—
Diphtheria	0	0	6
Scarlet Fever	2	0	1
Tuberculosis	4	2	45
From all causes.	30	9	363

Infectious Disease Notified Among Foreign Resident Population.

Small-pox	22
Cholera	0
Typhoid Fever	9
Diphtheria	7
Scarlet Fever	8
Tuberculosis	0

Municipal Laboratory.

Small-pox	2,938 tubes.
Vaccinations	116
Diphtheria Antitoxin issued..	38,000 units.

Cases undergoing anti-rabic treatment	4
Bacteriological examinations	65
Analysis	49
Slaughter-House and Cattle-shed Returns	

	Slaughtered.	Rejected at Slaughter-house.	Passed for Slaughter from Cattle-sheds.	Passed for Export from Cattle-sheds.	Rejected at Cattle-sheds.
Oxen	1574	4	1574	0	0
Sheep	2768	4	2768	34	2
Calves	388	1	386	0	0
Pigs	362	2	0	0	0

Municipal Hospitals for Infectious Disease

	Foreign.	Native.
Cases Admitted—Small-pox	21	6
Cholera	0	0
Typhoid Fever	1	0
Diphtheria	2	1
Scarlet Fever	6	1
Other Diseases	2	30
Discharged	19	43
Died	5	4
Remaining last day of month	23	8
Victoria Nursing Home.		
Cases Admitted	34	
Discharged	26	
Died	0	
Remaining last day of month	21	
Nursed outside the Home	4	
Daily visits	0	
Nursing pre-engagements	2	

Municipal Laboratory.

Report on Analysis of Water.
Sample Received January 30, 1908.
Report sent out February 5, 1908.
Sample of Shanghai Waterworks Co.'s Water.
Physical Characters. — Yellowish green colour with considerable opacity. Reaction slightly alkaline. Aeration good.

	Parts Hundred Thousand.
Solid Matter in Solution	10.0
a.—Volatile	5.0
b.—Fixed	5.0
Appearance on Ignition...Slight Charring	
Total Hardness	7.0
a.—Temporary	3.5
b.—Permanent	3.5
Chlorine	1.4
Nitrogen as Nitrates	0.0966
Saline Ammonia	0.0023
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.0136
Poisonous Metals	Nil
Nitrites	Nil
Phosphates	Nil
Sulphates	Traces.

Bacteriological Examination. — Gelatine plates incubated at 22°c. yielded an average of 83 bacteria per c.c., of which 1 in 15 were liquifying.

Agar plates at blood heat showed 72 bacteria per c.c. Bacteria of the Coli. type were present in quantities of 0.25 c.c. and upwards.

Report on Analysis.—A sample of water of good degree of chemical and bacterial purity.

ARTHUR STANLEY,
Health Officer.

Licensed Laundries.

Laundry.	Situation.
Shanghai Steam Laundry Co. Ltd.	415 Weihaiwei Rd.
ShzZing Washing Co.	104-5 do
Yung Sung Washing Co.	210 do
ZiangShing Washing Co.	211 do
Woo Kee Washing Co.	259 Taku Road.
Dong Foo Washing Co.	55 Yates Road.
Wong Zung Chong	1381 Haining Road.

Big Sam	66-7 Dent Lane.
International	512-9 Range Road.
Yah Sing	846 Woosung Road.
Chin Kee	1113 do
Jim	1192 Yuhang Road.
Japanese	170 Wuchow Road.
N. Y. K.	Nth. Szechuen Road.
Miller	308 Miller Road.
35-38 Kashing	178-182 Harbin Rd.
1-34 Kashing	210-263 Harbin Road.
Chapoo	402 Chapoo Road.
Sz Zung Kee	200-2 Tongshan Rd.
Old Jack	203-4 do
Ah Fong	205-6 do
Ah Kee	222 do
Yung Woo	222A do
Ah Wire	465-6 Dent Road.
Ah Kiang	467 do
Old Ah Foo	469-1 do
Jackson	472-3 do
Jim	1858 Seward Road.
Wo Yue	1859 do
Yu Shing	1860 do
George	1864 do
Ah Leon	1863 do
Mew Shing	1862 do
Ching Kee	1861 do

Licensed Dairies.

Dairy.	Situation.
R. W. Shaw	The Farm.
L. Storm	St. George's Farm.
Mrs. Robinson	Swiss Farm.
Mrs. Flood	Farfield Dairy.
Mrs. Wulff	Yangtzeppoo Farm.
T. J. Rowland	Home Farm.
D. W. Crawford	Sicawei Road.
A. Culty	Route D'Oumer.
E. L. Collingwood	Paoshan Dairy
Inshalla Dairy	Ward Road.
J. Cromarty	Riverside Farm.
Hung Fei	Bubbling Well Road
Yuen Sung	" "
Hop Shing	Sinza Road.
Zee Butler	Burkill Road.
Yue Chong	Avenue Road.
Fok Kyi	" "
Tai Woo	French Creek.
Mo Hung Sing	N. Szechuen Road.
Kong Zung	" "
Hong Kee	" "
Chang Tsu Liang	Hongkew Dairy.
Ah Kwai	Shanghai Dairy.
Hai Yong Shing	Route Voyron.
Wong Zee Long	Gordon Road.
Pau chee	N. Honan Road.
Chung Kee	" "
Yong Shu Fong	" "
Shing Kee	" "
Sun Shing	Thorburn Road.
Nee Shing	Markham Road.
Yung Zung	Medhurst Road.
Woeth Chee	A. Paul Brunat.

Licensed Butchers, Poultry, Game and Vegetable Dealers.

Butchers.	Situation.
Yeh Tai	Maloo Market.
Tsin Tai	" "
Hang Kee	" "
Hop Foong	" "
Yang Tai	" "
Kang Kee	" "
L. Hopkins	Ningpo Road.
Yui Shing	" "
Yien Cheang	" "
Chang Kee	Woosung Road.
Yhung Kee	Market Road.
Man Woo	" "
General Supply Co.	Woosung Road.
Fook Loong	" "
W. Fütterer	Broadway.
F. Pasche	" "
R. Neumann	Astor Road.
E. Begelman	Boone Road.

Vegetables & Game Dealers.	Situation.
Yun Maw	Maloo Market.
Sui Maw	" "
Yah Foong	" "
Yung Maw	" "
Yah Dah	" "
Nie Mau	" "
Tai Maw	" "
Chen Kee	" "

Fook Now	" "
Old Yuen Maw	" "
Sai Shing	" "
Han Naw	Tiendong "Road.
Quine Kee	" "
Cheong Kee	Market Road.
Yuen Kee	Woosung Road.

Departmental Report of Superintendent of Parks and Open Spaces to the Municipal Engineer for January.

As the planting of trees and shrubs and laying of turf will commence about the middle of February, the work of the month was generally preparatory, lifting and heeling in such trees as it is considered advisable to move at this season, levelling the sites, etc.

Public Gardens.—The conservatories have contained a good selection of plants in flower, of which *Daedalacanthus nervosus* a blue flowered plant has been most noticeable. Two Orchids, *Phalanopsis*, flowered for the first time which along with *Cymbidiums* are very satisfactory.

Soochow Road Foreshore.—All the sections cleared of sand, etc., are ready for turfing. The stanchions and chains are in position and the greater portion of the path is bricked.

Victoria Nursing Home.—The lawn in front of the recently acquired building is ready for turfing. A hedge has been planted and the position of a few shrubs altered.

Nurseries.—The plot of land on the Sicawei Road, formerly referred to as the Eurasian Cemetery has been trenched over and slightly raised with soil obtained from ditches dug out in it, and is in course of preparation as a temporary nursery. The majority of the smaller trees and shrubs have been removed from the Rifle Range Nursery.

Seedling trees transplanted 4,300.

Harbin Road Police Station.—Prepared the site for turfing.

Trees on Roads.—The trees were pruned on Jessfield, Great Western and North Szechuen Roads.

Trees Planted—

62 Plane trees on Bubbling Well Road

15 Plane trees on Thibet Road

5 " " " The Bund

37 Robinia on North Szechuen Road Extension

9 Plane trees on Mohawk Road

3 " " " Hart Road

300 Catalpa " " Hungjao Road

Trees removed—

20 Bubbling Well Road

3 The Bund

2 Thibet Road

Trees Fastened—

5 Mohawk Road

11 Weihaiwei Road

15 Thibet Road

34 Bubbling Well Road

3 Hart Road

Flowering Plants bedded out—

Victoria Nursing Home... 295

Municipal Hospital 92

Chinese Public Garden... 750

Public Garden 1,906

3,043

D. MACGREGOR,
Superintendent.

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1908.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1891.

DOGS.

NOTICE is hereby given that the DOG MUZZLING REGULATION will be rigorously enforced, both within the limits of the Settlement and on outlying roads

Dogs found without muzzles, whether led or at large, will be seized by the Police, and their owners, when identified, will be prosecuted. Dogs wearing ineffective muzzles will be regarded as unmuzzled.

Dog owners who have not yet taken out licences for 1908, are requested to make application for the same at the Tax Office.

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,

Shanghai, February 15, 1908.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1892.

FOREIGN HOTEL OR TAVERN LICENCES.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Watch Committee will sit on Friday, March 27, 1908, to decide upon the number and locality of foreign hotels and taverns to be licensed during the ensuing year.

Applicants for new licences are required to fill up the usual form, which may be obtained on application to the Tax Office, before March 1.

Thereafter, by public notification, an opportunity will be afforded to rate-payers to protest against or support before the Committee the issue or renewal of any licence.

No fresh licences will be issued during the twelve months ensuing after April 1, 1908, and until the next annual sitting of the Committee.

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,

Shanghai, February 15, 1908.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1893.

PUBLIC BAND.

THE week day performances of the Band in the Town Hall will cease during the Volunteer Training Season from February 29 to April 4 inclusive.

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,

Shanghai, February 17, 1908.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1741.

THE following Police Regulation is published for general information and observance :—

16A.—Horses, ponies and other animals when led through the public roads must be led, by the near rein, against the traffic, that is on the right hand side of the road.

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,
Acting Secretary.

Council Room,

Shanghai, September 26, 1905.

THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, February 12, 1908, at 4.30 p.m., there are present :

Messrs. O. Meuser (*Acting Chairman*)

A. W. Burkill

J. C. Hanson

W. D. Little

A. D. Lowe

J. H. McMichael

The Secretary and

Assistant Secretary.

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Volunteers.

Annual Inspection.—A letter from the General Officer Commanding H. M. Forces in South China is read notifying his willingness to hold the inspection on Saturday, April 4, or, if through unforeseen circumstances unable to do so, to detail a field officer for the purpose.

Police.

Foreign Branch.—The following are appointed third-class constables, being the draft of fourteen recruits engaged through the London Agents, who arrived on February 10 :—

M. L. Baillie
W. Champney
P. A. Davidson
J. F. Franklin
H. Fraser
J. W. Johnston
H. J. S. Jones
F. Langford
P. Murray
A. J. Pether
J. Sinclair
W. Smith
A. V. Stewart
J. Straiton

Nine months' leave is granted to Detective-Sergeant Craig to date from March 16.

Nine months' leave is granted to Sergeant Mills to date from May 10.

Mixed Court.

Suggested Boycott of British Trade.—A letter from the Consular Body is read, containing a communication from the Taotai in regard to the recent arrest of Yin Keh-chong in connexion with his responsibility for the issue of a circular advocating the boycott of the bank-notes of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank. The Captain-Superintendent of Police in reporting on this case writes :—

"The action taken was guided solely by what I considered to be the extremely serious nature of the offence of which Yin Keh-chong, a Chinese official, was charged and had committed.

"In view of the history of the riot of 1905, and the part played in it by the dissemination of inflammatory and seditious literature, I considered that I should have failed in my duty had I not taken immediate steps to suppress such literature as well as to arrest the author.

"The natural, and, in the light of previous experience, obvious effect of the leaflet was to create unrest in the Settlement, stir up anti-foreign feeling, and, so far as the author had any influence,

to reproduce the situation of 1905, and that which was brought about at the time of the American boycott."

The above view is fully endorsed by the Watch Committee, and that its accuracy was gauged by the Taotai is clear from the terms of his proclamation on the subject posted on January 14, wherein he describes the issue of the leaflet as a wanton disturbance of public trade, and calculated to bring about very grave harm.

The correspondence with reply as decided is ordered for publication :—

Shanghai, January 28, 1908.

SIR,—Herewith I have the honour to forward copy and translation of a letter from the Taotai in regard to the alleged illegal arrest of Yin, the leader of the proposed boycott of British trade, a matter upon which the Consular Body would be pleased to have some explanation.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

D. SIFFERT,

*Consul-General for Belgium,
and Senior Consul.*

D. LANDALE, Esq.,

Chairman, Municipal Council.

Translation of letter from the Taotai to the Senior Consul, dated January 30, 1908.

I have to call your attention to the fact that when arrests are effected in the Settlement, a warrant should be made out by the Mixed Court and sent to the Senior Consul for signature, whereafter, when it has been handed back, the Police may then make the arrest. Such has been the standing procedure. Recently, however, the Police arrested a respectable merchant with official rank, named Yin Keh-chong, and although he printed and issued a circular as to the boycott of Hongkong Bank notes, and therein committed an act subversive of independent commercial intercourse and good relations, his action should nevertheless, in accordance with Article 14 of the Sino-French Treaty have formed the subject of a communication between the Senior Consul and Chinese Authorities in order that they might take steps to withdraw it. In this Article there is no provision as to punishment.

The Police, however, without having petitioned for negotiation by the Consuls with the Chinese Authorities in order to obtain their consent, arrested this merchant with official rank, and imprisoned him as an ordinary convict in the Hongkew Police Station. This action was a grave contravention of and divergence from rules, and was moreover of prejudice to the peace and good order of the Settlement. I must, therefore, inquire from whom the Police in fact received the power to arrest Yin, and must ask you to punish, in accordance with the law, the person concerned in this unsatisfactory affair, as a warning for the future and in evidence of

justice. I therefore address this letter to you and request you to take the matter into consideration and give me a reply, and I trust that you will proceed accordingly.

Council Room,

Shanghai, February 14, 1908.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of January 28, containing a communication from the Taotai in regard to the arrest of Yin Keh-chong.

The facts contained in this document which relate to the arrest are in the main correct, except in that it is stated that the man was treated as an ordinary convict, whereas under special instructions he was permitted to proceed to the Police Station by himself in his own carriage and lodged in one of the separate rooms provided for defendants in civil suits, where he was subsequently supplied with bedding and food by his friends.

The case was not an ordinary one when the usual procedure would have been followed by the Police as a matter of course, the officer in charge, to whom the community looks for the preservation of good order within Settlement limits, considered that in the light of previous experience the case required immediate action, the Council concurs and fully supports him and trusts the Consular Body will take the same view of the incident.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

OTTO MEUSER,

Acting Chairman.

D. SIFFERT, Esq.,

Consul-General for Belgium,

and Senior Consul.

Woochang Road Jetty.

With reference to the proposal made by the Japanese Consul-General in July 1906 for the removal of this public landing stage westward to a new position at the termination of the Tiendong Road, extended to the river for the purpose, the following letter from the Nippon Yusen Kaisha with reply as directed is ordered for publication :—

Shanghai, January 15, 1908.

DEAR SIR,—Referring to the proposed removal of the public (Municipal) jetty from its present position at end of Woochang Road to the end of the proposed extension of the Tiendong Road, we beg to ask that this new road (the land for which we have offered to surrender from the west side of the land at present forming the pile of the Japanese Consulate) be made of a width not exceeding 22 feet. This is the width of Tiendong Road to north of Whangpoo Road and will, we presume, be sufficient for the special purpose of access to the public jetty, as naturally the Woochang Road will, as heretofore, take the general traffic to and from the North Yangtze Road.

It has been arranged that we are to surrender a strip of land 60 feet wide along the river frontage of the Japanese Consulate site as an extension of North Yangtze road and it appears evident that the west end of this road will provide ample space for unloading cargo for shipment from the public jetty.

In conclusion we would say that our negotiation with the Japanese Government for the purchase of the site referred to has already been concluded under the understanding of surrendering a 22-ft. road on the west side and as an increase to 30-ft. would not only mean a fresh negotiation with them, but an entire alteration of our plan, we would ask you kindly to put our request before the Council.

Should the above request not be complied with, we would deem it a great favour if the Council can see their way to decrease the width of the extension of the North Yangtze Road to 40-ft. instead of 60-ft.

Awaiting the favour of your reply.

We are, dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

Nippon Yusen Kaisha,

YONEJIRO ITO,

Manager

C. MAYNE, Esq.,

Municipal Engineer.

Council Room,

Shanghai, February 12, 1908.

SIR,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of January 15, addressed to the Municipal Engineer, on the subject of the proposed prolongation of the Tiendong and North Yangtze Roads and the removal of the Woochang Road public landing stage from its present position westward to the end of the Tiendong Road extension.

In reply thereto I am directed to state that since this suggestion was first made in July of 1906 the River Conservancy normal line and works in progress have rendered all questions affecting public landing facilities matters for special consideration.

Careful inspection of the foreshore in the neighbourhood in question has disclosed the fact that it will be practically impossible to maintain a serviceable pontoon opposite the Tiendong Road, since all local expert evidence is to the effect that continuous dredging work would be necessary to ensure the depth of water required for the purpose. If this is found to be the case the pontoon in the proposed new position will be constantly out of use during dredging operations, and the serious inconvenience to the public which would result requires no further demonstration.

With this in view the Council is of opinion that no formal or conclusive negotiations with the Japanese Government as to the purchase of Cadastral lot 1005 should be undertaken.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. E. LEVESON,

Secretary.

The MANAGER,

Nippon Yusen Kaisha.

Road Names.

The following new roads in the Western District, being now in process of acquisition, will receive names:—

Extension No. 10	Tonquin Road
" "	27 Macao "
" "	29 Penang "
" "	30 Singapore "

Tramways.

A mutual understanding is recorded with the Manager of the Shanghai Electric Construction Co., Ltd. whereby resigned or dismissed employes of the Company or of the Council will be refused employment by the other except after consultation.

Private Roads.

As a result of recent inquiries as to the policing of semi-private roads and other minor thoroughfares, situated within the Settlement and on the outskirts, a report by the Captain-Superintendent is submitted referring to Markham Park and Ford Lane, and pointing out that the former of these has hitherto been regularly patrolled by night only but that it will in future specifically form part of the day beat. Ford Lane is patrolled hourly night and day.

The meeting adjourns at 5.50 p.m.

The following documents are forwarded for publication with the foregoing minutes:—

Health Department.

Notification of Infectious Disease.

The following have been reported during the week ending Sunday, February 16, 1908.	Deaths among Chinese population of 530,000.	Cases notified among Non-Chinese population of 14,500.
Small-pox.	7	4
Cholera.	0	0
Typhoid Fever.	—	0
Diphtheria.	1	1
Scarlet Fever.	3	0
Tuberculosis.	20	0
Total Deaths from all Causes	160	3

ARTHUR STANLEY,
Health Officer.

Engineer's Report for January.

Works in Progress.—Western Police Depot. Sikh Gurdwara. Boundary walls and Watchman's house, Soldiers' Cemetery. Boundary walls at Goal. New cells, Sinza Police Station. Drying-room, Yangtsepoo Police Station. Beggars Cells, Hongkew Police Station. Offices quarters, transformer station and foundations for boilers, machinery, etc., at Electricity Works.

Garden Bridge and Chekiang Road Bridge Subsidiary Works. Approach road to new Passenger Pontoons. Draining, bricking and metalling Great Western Road between Manila Road and the Chang Pang. Bricking and metalling Great Western Road for a distance of 350 feet east of Yates Road. Mudfilling to Kalgan Road and East Yuhang Road Extension. Bricking to Road No. 69 E. and Road 70 E. Concrete bunding North Soochow Road west of Garden Bridge. Diversion of 2-ft. 3-in. by 1-ft. 6-in. Sewer North Chekiang Road. Extension of 2-ft. 3-in. by 1-ft. 6-in. Sewer Tiendong Road. South Approach to Garden Bridge. South Approach to Chekiang Road Bridge.

Works Finally completed.—Passenger Pontoons. Assembly Shed. Louza Police Station. Entrance gateway and south enclosure wall, West Hongkew Police Station. Laying 2-ft. 3-in. by 1-ft. 6-in. Sewer and metalling along Weihaiwei Road between Mohawk Road

and Chungking Road. Laying 12-in. Sewer, mudfilling, bricking and metalling 12-ft. strip of Mandalay Road for distance of 400-ft. west of Mohawk Road. Kerbing, channelling and concrete paving Szechuen Road between Nanking Road and Jinkee Road. Mudfilling to Weihaiwei Road from Hart Road to Haroon Road. Mudfilling to Boundary Road. Bricking and metalling Cunningham Road. Laying 3-ft. diameter culvert, Lay Road at Rangoon Road. North Approach Garden Bridge.

Garden Bridge.—The paving of the carriageway and footways having been completed, the Bridge was opened to vehicular traffic on the 20th instant. The temporary footbridge, from Astor Road to the Public Gardens, having been in use for a little over six months, has been closed to traffic and will be removed after the China New Year holidays. That portion of the old bridge under the South Span of the new structure has been demolished and the piles drawn. The outer rows of cofferdam piles are being drawn. Granite pylons are being constructed on the wing walls of the abutments and have reached a height of 2-ft. 6-in. above the footways. Kerb and channel has been laid on the south approach.

Chekiang Road Bridge.—The riveting of this bridge was completed on the 14th instant and the whole of the old bridge was removed and the piles withdrawn by the 29th instant. The South Approach is being raised.

Pontoons, Bund Foreshore.—The lighting arrangements of the new Passenger Pontoons have been completed. A carriageway is being constructed to enable vehicles to be driven to the ends of the jetties. The Kinkiang Road Jetty has been extended to bring the pontoon on to the Normal Line. The pontoon which was formerly opposite the Russo-Chinese Bank has been moored to the south end of the Peking Road Pontoon.

Plans Completed.—Stone Pylons, Chekiang Road Bridge. Ornamental lamp brackets for Skew Bridge. South Approach Chekiang Road Bridge. 1-ft. 6-in. by 1 ft. 0-in. concrete sewer, North Szechuen Road Extension.

Public Lighting.—The lighting arrangements for the Garden Bridge and Approaches, and also for the new Passenger Pontoons have been completed. Incandescent gas lamps have been erected along Chengtu Road.

Tramways.—The track is being laid along Boundary Road and along North Soochow Road between the Garden Bridge and Chapoo Road Bridge.

Works Completed on Road Widening and Extensions.—Works have been completed on Great Western Road, Yates Road, Nanyang Road, Weihaiwei Road, Mandalay Road, Ferry Road, Gordon Road, Jessfield Road, Szechuen Road, Peking Road, Foochow Road, Chefoo Road, Canton Road, Shantung Road, Rangoon Road, Kalgan Road, Dixwell Road, Cunningham Road, North Chekiang Road, North Szechuen Road Extension, Boundary Road, as shown by the following table:—

Heading.	Unit.	Districts.				Total.
		W.	C.	N.	E.	
<i>Drainage.</i>						
Tidal ditches cleaned	ft. run			1720		1720
3'0" Culverts laid	"				105	105
2'3" x 1'6" Sewers laid	"				450	450
12" Sewers laid	"				82	82
9" Sewers laid	"			167		167
6" Drains laid.....	"	108		37	170	315
Street gullies laid	Nos.	7	4	2		13
Street gullies renewed	"		4	2		6
Brick manholes constructed ...	"	1		1		2
Retaining walls constructed ...	"	3				3
<i>Roads.</i>						
Bricking.....	ft. run	1112		50		1162
Metalling	ft. sup.	7834		500		8334
Kerb & Channel laid.....	ft. run	8	282	216		506
Channel	"			18		18
Chippaved margins laid ...	"		461			461
Chippaved carriageway laid ...	"	496	315		46	361
Rolling and sanding	"					496
<i>Foot Pavements.</i>						
Concrete paving laid	ft. run		506			506
Chippaved footways laid.....	"		45			45
Macadam footways laid	"	1245				1245
<i>Miscellaneous.</i>						
M. C. R. Stones fixed	Nos.	121				121
Foochow pole railing erected ...	ft.	24				24
Public gas lamps erected	Nos.	1				1

Works Completed on Existing Roads.—The following is a tabulated statement of the different works completed during the month :—

Heading.	Unit.	Districts.				Total.
		W.	C.	N.	E.	
<i>Drainage.</i>						
Tidal creeks cleaned	ft. run	11380			20840	32220
Sewers cleaned	"	—			2075	2075
Tidal ditches cleaned	"	11263				11263
2'3" × 1'6" Sewers laid	"	410				410
12" Sewers laid	"	18				18
9" Sewers laid	"	52				52
6" Drains laid.....	"	93				93
Street gullies laid	Nos.	4				4
Brick manholes constructed ...	"	9				9
Retaining wall constructed.....	"	1				1
<i>Roads.</i>						
Bricking.....	ft. run	425	27110			425
Metalling	ft. sup.	9775		407	44575	81460
Kerb & Channel laid	ft. run					407
Kerb & Channel relaid	"			407	120	120
Chippaved margins laid	"			343		407
Chippaved carriageways reprd...	"	979		140		1322
Rolling and sanding	"	2300	3333	1999	495	2935
Macadam roads repaired.....	"	4573			938	10843
Bricked road repaired.....	"				330	330
<i>Foot Pavements.</i>						
Concrete paving repaired	ft. run	62				62
Tar paving repaired	"	92		136		92
Chippaved footways repaired ...	"					136
Macadam footways laid	"	346				346
Macadam footways repaired ...	"	4496				4496
<i>Miscellaneous.</i>						
Foochow railing poles erected...	ft. run				96	96
Fire hydrants erected.....	Nos.				5	5
Public Gas lamps erected	"	2	9			2
Public Electric lamps erected...	"	4			4	17
Telephone poles erected	"	7				7
Gas, Water and other trenches opened	ft. run	368	2294	1070	506	4238

Cleansing.

Sixty-one cartloads of garbage, 3,518 cartloads of road detritus and 2,479 cartloads of gully deposit were collected during the month.

Quarry.

4,298 tons of road materials have been received during the month from the Quarry.

Concrete-ware manufactory.

The following concreteware has been made at the Hongkew Depot during the month :—

Machine made ... 3,280 pieces.
Hand made 1,477 "

Total... 4,757 "

Creeks and River.

Mud has been removed as follows :—
Defence Creek 256 tons.

New Buildings.

Plans have been approved for the erection of 243 buildings made up as follows :—

Western District 130
Central " 33
Northern " 9
Eastern " 71

Total... 243

The following table shows lengths of drains of various sizes laid on private property by the Department during the month :—

Heading.	Unit.	Districts.				Total
		W.	C.	N.	E.	
		ft. run				
		Nos.				
12" Pipe Drain	ft. run	16	22	24	40	40
9" Pipe Drain	"	324	4	124	40	510
6" Pipe Drain	"	880	1	84	424	1,388
4" Pipe Drain	"	430	4	18	72	524
Yard Gullies	Nos.	62	1	3	13	79
Manholes	"	36	1	10	16	63
Main drain connexions ...	"	4	1	7	7	19

Survey Work.

Official measurements of new land lots attended during the month. 69
Cadastral certificates issued 37
Consular lots surveyed 19
Surveys made in connexion with Road Widening and/or Extensions 48
Lots examined to ascertain whether they included roads or waterways which are or may in future be of use to the public... 66
Consular lots examined as to condition of boundary stones... 42
M.C.R. Stones have been erected as follows :—

Western District..... 121 stones.
Eastern " 5 "

CORNELL
UNIVERSITY
Total... 126 "

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Miscellaneous.

The average number of labourers employed during the month exclusive of contract work has been 1,967 as against 2,473 during January, 1907.

CHARLES MAYNE,
Engineer & Surveyor.

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1908.

ESTIMATES FOR 1908

WITH

REMARKS THEREON BY THE COUNCIL FOR 1907.

The following Budget of Municipal Income and Expenditure is submitted for the approval of the Ratepayers at the Annual Meeting to be held in March 1908.

The Finance Committee entered upon their duties in this connection with the determination to confine the expenditure within such limits as would obviate any increase in taxation, but, as the departmental estimates were in turn presented, each after careful scrutiny by the Committee concerned, and in the contemplation of a programme of public works and other matters of extraordinary expenditure submitted by the Engineer of a total cost exceeding one million and a quarter taels, this course has been found impossible.

The taxation of land, therefore, which has stood at 5/10ths of one per cent since 1898, is recommended by the unanimous vote of the Council for increase to 6/10ths, and in accordance with the provision of Article IX of the Land Regulations

“that the proportion between the tax on land, and on houses and buildings, shall not exceed one-twentieth of one per cent on the gross value of land to one per cent on the annual rental of houses”

it is proposed to collect the General Municipal Rate at 12 per cent.

The primal causes of this measure are the public demand for an increased Police Force, which was so significant a feature of the debates of March 1906 and 1907, and the limitations of the local money market. For although the Revenue of the Settlement upon the lower basis would show just a surplus over what is termed Ordinary Expenditure, the Council is of opinion that a proposal to pay for new buildings and new roads wholly out of borrowed money is not one which would commend itself to public approval even were a local loan for the amount which would be required within the field of possibility.

The Ordinary Income for the year is estimated at	Tls. 2,429,920
and the Expenditure	„ 2,041,869

leaving a Surplus of	Tls. 388,051
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It is proposed to raise by debentures during the year the sum of	„ 400,000
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and the Extraordinary Income will amount to	„ 813,051
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The deficit carried forward from 1907 is	„ 201,513
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and Extraordinary Expenditure is recommended aggregating	„ 625,980
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ORDINARY INCOME.

Land Tax, Tls. 683,520.—The estimate for 1907, Tls. 452,000, has, in spite of the very tentative basis upon which it was formed, proved accurate, the return for the year being Tls. 456,330. The figure for 1908 is exact in respect to the Central and Northern Districts, the new schedules of which are complete; it is approximately so for the Eastern District, which awaits only the hearing of appeals; the assessed value of the Western District is estimated to show an increase proportionate to the average increase of the other three. The total increase due to the enhanced rate is about Tls. 114,000.

General Municipal Rate, Tls. 1,109,000.—This figure, apart from the question of rate, represents a five per cent advance on the receipts for last year, which increment is fully justified by the normal development of new streets, but which may be regarded as moderate, having in view the Council's published intention to carry out during the year a re-assessment of all premises which, owing to long leases or otherwise, are at present rated lower than their letting market value. The receipts from houses beyond Settlement limits show a satisfactory advance as this levy becomes more closely organised. The 12 per cent rate will come into operation, so far as native houses are concerned only, from April 1, because the first quarter's payments were already partially collected before the decision of the Council as to the proposed increase was made.

Wharfage Dues, Tls. 175,000.—The decline noticed in 1906 has continued and the cost of collection has, under arrangement with the Customs authorities, been increased; at the same time, noting that the receipts for last year have aggregated Tls. 179,000, the Finance Committee considers that a reasonable estimate for the ensuing year may be based thereon, since it is improbable that trade conditions will be worse than they were in 1907.

Licence Fees, Tls. 396,300.—The recommendations of the Council as to licence fees to be levied include the following increases :—

Foreign Hotels to Tls. 80 per quarter (maximum).
 Native Theatre to Tls. 30 per month (maximum).
 Native Lodging Houses to Tls. 12 per quarter (maximum).
 Native Wine Shops to Tls. 20 per quarter (maximum).
 Motor-cars to Tls. 6 per quarter.

The fees for private-owned ponies, carriages and rishas are set down at \$1.50, \$4.50, and \$3 per quarter, a change which will, it is hoped, tend to prevent the substitution of private for public vehicle licences, a practice to which the Council's attention has been drawn during the year.

In respect to the new licences for the sale of arms and ammunition the Council proposes for Wholesale Importers Tls. 150 per quarter, and for Retail Sellers Tls. 75 per quarter.

These increased rates are, however, barely sufficient to maintain the total under this heading at so high a figure as last year's. A further decline in receipts from opium houses is inevitable if the present tendency to discourage the use of the drug throughout the country is maintained; the revenue from these establishments during 1907 has been between six and seven per cent lower than that of the preceding year, and it has been assumed that the fall will continue. The now imminent opening of the tramway cannot fail to influence the number of public rishas, and the estimate makes adequate allowance.

Rent of Municipal Properties, Tls. 38,100.—The Market receipts are inserted in detail, and this item is otherwise self-explanatory.

Contributions from Public Companies, Tls. 28,000.—Those of the Waterworks and Gas Companies follow the system laid down last year, the latter being now more exactly estimated. No final arrangement has been concluded with the Telephone Company but it is agreed that the dividend on the Council's shares, whatever be the date of issue, shall be calculated from April 1, 1907, and the figure given is on this basis. The Tramway royalty is necessarily of an indefinite character. Correspondence with the Company has disclosed the fact that their gross income is expected to be between \$1,500 and \$2,000 per diem, it is therefore considered reasonable to suppose that the receipts from the royalty will aggregate Tls. 15,000 during the year.

SCHEDULE OF RATES, TAXES, ETC.

The Council recommends that the following rates, taxes, dues and fees be levied.

Land Tax at the rate of 6/10ths of one per cent, on the assessed values from renters of land within the limits of the Settlement, from January last payable half-yearly in advance.

General Municipal Rate at 12 per cent, on the assessed rentals of houses within the Settlement from the occupants, from January 1 last, payable quarterly in advance.

General Municipal Rate at 6 per cent, on the assessed rentals of houses beyond Settlement limits, under provision of the agreement of July 1, 1905, with the Shanghai Waterworks Co., Ltd., from the occupants, from January 1 last, payable quarterly in advance.

Wharfage Dues on all goods passed through the custom-house under the following tariff

		Hk. Tls.	m.	c.	c.
<i>On Opium</i> —Raw,	per chest	0	2	8	0
	Boiled,	per catty	0	0	0 4
	Refuse,	per picul	0	1	0 0
<i>On Silk</i> —	Steamer Filature,	"	0	3	2 0
	Raw and White,	"	0	1	6 0
	Yellow, Native,	"	0	1	3 5
	Wild, Raw,	"	0	1	0 0
	" Filature,	"	0	1	2 0
	Re-reeled, Native,	"	0	2	5 0
	" Filature,	"	0	3	0 0
<i>On Tea</i> —	Cocoons,	"	0	0	6 0
	Black and Green,	"	0	0	1 5
	Brick,	"	0	0	1 0
	Dust,	"	0	0	0 3
<i>On Treasure</i> —	per Tls. 1,000	0	3	0	0

On all other dutiable goods 2% on the amount of duty levied.

On all goods classed as "duty free" by the Customs $\frac{1}{10}$ of 1% on the declared value.

Licence Fees.—From April 1 till next annual meeting, payable in advance, unless otherwise specified as follows :—

Foreign Hotel or Tavern	* From Tls. 65 to Tls. 80 per quarter.
Foreign Liquor Seller, payable by all dealers in Foreign	} Tls. 40 per quarter.
Wines, Spirits or Beer, wholesale or retail	
Restaurant	Tls. 30 per quarter.
Billiard or Bowling Saloon	Tls. 3 per quarter for each table or alley.
Native Lodging House	* From Tls. 2 to Tls. 12 per quarter.
Native Wine Shop	* From Tls. 1.50 to Tls. 20 per quarter.

* According to class.

Tea Shop	* From 10 cents to 20 cents per table per month.
Foreign Theatre, Music Hall, Circus, Dancing Saloon, Exhibition or Show	* From 10 Cands. to Tls. 5 for every day or night open.
Native Theatre	* From Tls. 6 to Tls. 30 per month
Pawnshop	* From $\frac{1}{8}\%$ to $\frac{3}{4}\%$ per annum on business done, payable quarterly.
Opium Shop	* From \$1.50 to \$10 per month.
Opium House	50 cents per opium lamp per month.
Cargo Boat	* From 25 cents to \$4.50 per month.
Ferry or Passenger Boat	\$2 per month, payable on demand.
Steam Launch	\$2 per month or \$5 if carrying passengers.
Native Boat	* From 100 to 600 cash per month, payable on demand.
Sampan	\$1 per two months, payable on demand.
Private owned Horse, Pony, Mule or Donkey	\$1.50 per quarter.
Private owned Carriage	\$4.50 per quarter.
Livery Stable :—	
Horse, pony, mule or donkey	\$1 per month.
Carriage	\$4 per month.
Motor Car, Automobile, or other Vehicle propelled by Steam, Oil or Electricity	Tls. 6 per quarter.
Cart	†* From 600 cash to \$6 per month.
Private owned Ricsha	\$3 per quarter.
Public Ricsha, payable by the proprietor	† \$1.50 per month for each Ricsha.
Private owned Sedan-chair	\$3 per quarter.
Public Sedan-chair	\$6 per quarter.
Wheelbarrow	† 600 Cash per month.
Firearms, payable by	
Wholesale Importers	Tls. 150 per quarter.
Retail Sellers	„ 75 per quarter.
Dog	\$1 for the year or portion thereof.

Slaughter-house Fees :—

For every Ox killed	85 cents.
„ „ Sheep „	10 „
„ „ Calf „	25 „
„ „ Pig „	20 „

Special Permit Fees :—

For every Ox killed	10 cents.
„ „ Sheep „	5 „
„ „ Calf „	5 „
„ „ Pig „	20 „

Export Fees :—

For every Ox exported from the Cattle-shed	75 cents.
For every Sheep exported from the Cattle-shed	5 „
For every Calf exported from the Cattle-shed	20 „

Water Supply :—

For cleaning every Ox Hide	2 „
„ „ „ „ Entrails	2 „

Market Fees :—

For every Shop	From \$7.00 to \$8.00 per month according to position.
„ „ Stall	\$2.50 per month.
„ „ Space	50 cents „

Permit Fees :—

For minor building operations	Tls. 1.00
„ bundings	„ 2.50
„ placing ladders for house repairs	} „ 0.50
„ erecting sign-boards or fences	
„ mud-filling, etc.	Tls. 5.00
„ ceremonial arches	„ 50.00
„ „ if to cross streets 25 ft. wide	„ 0.50 per fong, minimum fee Tls. 0.50
„ calico sunshades over streets	„ 2.00 „ „ „ „ 2.00
„ mat sunshades over streets	„ 2.00 „ „ „ „ 2.00

* According to class.

† Exclusive of Licence-plate.

ORDINARY EXPENDITURE.

Police Tls. 713,893.—The Police estimate, inclusive of expenditure on the Gaol which is now officially re-incorporated in the Police Department whereof it is a component part, is more than double that submitted for public sanction three year ago. Such is the upshot of the riot of 1905, of the abortive attempt to raise an Indian Force of a thousand men, and of the incidents which led to the formation of the Police Enquiry Committee. The comparative figures showing the proposed constitution of the Force are not without interest, and should go some way towards restoring that feeling of security and confidence in its "first line of defence" which the Community formerly possessed, but which during the period intervening was so severely shaken.

	Budget for 1905.	Budget for 1908
Officers	2	7
Foreigners	120	267
Indians	251	564
Chinese	729	998
	<u>1,102</u>	<u>1,836</u>

Specific comment on the estimate is superfluous, in view of the details given. The Chinese Branch of the Force will be considerably reorganised during the year, their numbers increased and their pay placed upon a higher basis. The Watch Committee is of opinion that the right class of native has not been recruited for some time past, and it is hoped to make radical changes in this respect early in the summer. To this end a lump sum of Tls. 10,000 has been inserted under the general heading "Pay."

In the consideration of this estimate it will be observed that allowance is made for the fact that the augmentation of the Force will be proceeding throughout the year, and that the figures for 1909, even if no further expansion is found necessary, will be materially higher than those now under consideration; in fact it may safely be predicted that the cost of the Force for next year will not fall far short of Tls. 900,000.

In commenting upon the Captain-Superintendent's estimates the Watch Committee was actuated by consideration of the clear demand of the Ratepayers for an enlarged Force. In the members' opinion the Community expects and is prepared to pay for this additional security, and their views are shared by the Council that the proposals of the Captain-Superintendent should be adopted without criticism or curtailment.

Health Department, Tls. 137,049.—This estimate is Tls. 31,000 in excess of last year's. The Sanitary and Markets Branches have ceased as separate organisations and are amalgamated under the general heading "Health Office." Similarly the four Municipal Hospitals are grouped together under one heading, in view of the fact that their staff is interchangeable and that exact calculation of the cost of each is virtually impossible. The number of nurses to constitute the service of these institutions has been approved at 20, a figure which the Watch Committee considers is not less than will be required to meet the necessities of the Community in time of epidemic. The fee of the Municipal Surgeons has been raised to Tls. 6,000, bringing it into line with the fact that the number of foreign employés is approaching 400 persons. The grant to the General Hospital has been raised to Tls. 4,000 upon the representation of the Governors that the cost of treatment of pauper patients now exceeds that sum.

Public Works Department, Tls. 637,770.—The figures call for little comment, fairly indicating as they do the steady extension of the Settlement in all directions. Staff augmentation and organisation has been necessary, a large number of smaller drainage operations are projected as well as a new main sewer in the North Honan Road, and the growing mileage of roads in charge of the Department finds evidence in the larger provision for "Roads" and "Lighting."

Under *Secretariat* is shewn an additional Assistant Secretary, the number of collectors increased from 12 to 13, and honoraria to the Director of Chinese Studies, whose duties appertain to the whole of the outdoor staff, and to the ex-Principal of the Public School, who remains attached to the Municipal service engaged in writing a history of the Settlement since its establishment. *Volunteers* bears the whole cost of the Commandant's pay since his work at the Gaol is now in the charge of the Captain-Superintendent of Police. The estimate provides for the addition of 250 rifles to the Corps' armament, and for the purchase of ponies for the Artillery Company, which heretofore has been mounted by hire from the Horse Bazaar. In the personnel of the *Public Band* some changes are contemplated, the number of European musicians will be 10, and some reduction made among the Manilamen. The revised tariff has not produced larger receipts, on the other hand Tls. 42,300, the expected cost of the Band during 1908, is not regarded as excessive in contemplation of the marked improvement in public music which has been a feature of the year's work. The *Fire Brigade*, to be separated from the French Brigade which will be organised after March, now takes its place in the Budget as an ordinary branch of the Council's service and the figures contain no special divergence from those of 1907. The cost of public education is estimated at Tls. 3,000 less than last year, chiefly as a result of the increased scale of fees adopted by the Public School Committee. Upon this Committee's recommendation also the number of *Educational Grants* has been increased by one, Tls. 500 to be issued to the Shanghai Jewish School.

General Charges contains an item for Rice Money, the explanation of which may be found on page 234 of the Report for last year. The high price of rice has been maintained, and the Council is reluctant to terminate this much appreciated allowance until normal conditions are restored. The cost of the re-assessment of the Settlement also appears this year, and the Rent of Municipal Properties is enlarged by the inclusion of certain premises leased for the accommodation of Foreign Police. The old heading "Stock and Stores" has disappeared and the amounts have been split up under the departments concerned, a clerical amendment making for general convenience of reference. *Interest* and Sinking Fund, the latter more exactly termed by the Auditor *Redemption of Debentures*, continue expanding with the growth of Municipal General Loans. The redemption appropriation, Tls. 119,549, has been computed in the usual manner as follows:—

Date of Loan	Balance outstanding	Years to run	Tls.
1892	45,400	5	9,080
1893	32,000	6	5,333
1895	32,600	8	4,075
1896	131,800	9	14,644
1897	268,400	10	26,840
1900	31,700	13	2,438
1901	200,000	14	14,285
1902	150,000	15	10,000
1903	151,500	16	9,468
1904	94,500	17	5,558
1905	95,900	18	5,328
1907	250,000	20	12,500

Tls. 119,549

EXTRAORDINARY EXPENDITURE.

The cost of the Garden and Chekiang Road Bridges over the Soochow Creek has been exceeded, primarily as a result of necessary strengthening works on the dams and of substitution of Quarry ballast for mud in the raising of the approaches. The final estimates are still to some extent incomplete, and it is proposed in the course of the year, when the whole of the works are finished, to compile and publish an analysed statement of the total cost of these bridges. The item for the Bund Bridge over the Yangkingpang represents the Council's share of the cost of this work, which is estimated at Tls. 78,000. It is suggested that the whole expenditure be borne in equal shares by the Council, the French Council, and the two Tramway Companies, but the negotiations in the matter are still in an inconclusive state. The renewal of the Kiangse Road Bridge and the erection of one over the Sawginkiang in the Dixwell Road are again deferred for lack of funds.

Four of the items for Bunding are connected with the approaches to the new steel bridges, while that at the Fokien Road, involving some reclamation, will improve the conditions under which vegetable and other produce is landed at this point. The bunding of the Soochow Creek west of the Thibet Road, and higher up on the Markham Road frontage, is regarded by the Council as desirable. Of the sections of the Hongkew, Defence and Sawgin Creeks, proposed by the Engineer for treatment, place has only been found for one, a small piece of the first-named north of the East Scott Road, which is to be carried out in compliance with the request of the adjoining owner, who contributes largely to the making up of the road extensions in the vicinity.

The Drainage work in the neighbourhood of the Great Western Road, Tls. 28,000, is proposed with a view to improving the flow of water in the Changpang, the sanitary condition of which has been unsatisfactory for some time past. A three-foot sewer will shortly become necessary in the Avenue Road.

The estimates for land purchases under negotiation or contemplated require little explanation. The principal amount, that for a new site for the Sinza Market, has already been expended in the purchase of Cadastral lots 456, 456A and 457: the measure was considered advisable so that the whole of Cadastral lot 420, upon which the Market at present stands, may be available for the expansion of the Police Station when necessary.

The building programme is a long one and consists in the main of additions and alterations to the Police Stations, recommended with a view to accommodating the largely increased strength of the Force. The foregoing remarks relating to Police maintenance apply with equal force to this estimate of capital expenditure. No item is included except upon the strong recommendation of the Captain-Superintendent and after close scrutiny by the Watch Committee.

Under Parks and Open Spaces will be found provision for repaying the balance of the Special Loan obtained from the Recreation Fund Trustees in 1901, on one year's call, for the purchase of the Hongkew Recreation Ground. Due notice was given for the return of the money on March 31, 1908. The balance of the cost of raising and laying out the Ground is estimated at Tls. 19,000, and of this sum the Council recommends that Tls. 9,000 be spent in 1908 and the balance in the ensuing year. The erection of new conservatories is under contemplation, either in the Reserve Garden or elsewhere if that site is considered too restricted or otherwise unsuitable. The Council will await the recommendation of the Parks Committee during the year on this subject. In the meanwhile it is improbable that the matter will be far enough advanced to involve more than preliminary expenses.

The usual entry for acquiring land for new roads and for their construction concludes this estimate, of an aggregate total of Tls. 625,980.

MUNICIPAL BUDGET.

Estimate for the year January 1 to December 31, 1908.

ORDINARY INCOME.			
LAND TAX.		Tls.	Tls.
At 6/10ths of 1 per cent on assessed value of property as follows :—			
Central District	Tls. 77,205,106		
Northern	23,146,844		
Eastern	24,400,000		
Western	22,467,000		
	147,218,950		
Less on value of property occupied by Churches, Cemeteries and Municipal properties	4,818,950		
	142,400,000		
Less 20%		854,400	
		170,880	
			683,520
GENERAL MUNICIPAL RATE.			
FOREIGN.			
At 12 per cent on Tls. 3,900,000, being assessed rental of rateable Foreign houses	468,000		
At 6 per cent on Tls. 144,000, being the same beyond Settlement limits, under provision of the agreement of July 1, 1905, with the Shanghai Waterworks Co., Ltd.	8,640		
		476,640	
NATIVE.			
At 10 per cent on \$8,200,000, being assessed rental of rateable Chinese houses at exchange 75 from January 1 to March 31	Taels 153,750		
At 12 per cent on \$8,200,000 being assessed rental of rateable Chinese houses at exchange 75 from April 1 to December 31	553,500		
	707,250		
At 5 per cent on \$216,000, being the same beyond Settlement limits as above at exchange 75 from January 1 to March 31	Taels 2,025		
At 6 per cent on \$216,000 as above at exchange 75 from April 1 to December 31	7,290		
	9,315		
		716,565	
		1,193,205	
Less allowance for vacant houses, etc.		84,205	
			1,109,000
WHARFAGE DUES.			
Council's share of dues, as per tariff, on goods passed through the Custom House			175,000
LICENCE FEES.			
Foreign Hotel and Tavern		6,500	
Foreign Liquor Seller		18,500	
Restaurant		4,700	
Billiard and Bowling Saloon		700	
Native Lodging House		5,800	
Native Wine Shop		9,500	
Tea Shop		5,700	
Foreign Theatre		1,200	
Native Theatre		3,000	
Pawn Shop		17,500	
Opium Shop... ..		4,000	
Opium House... ..		58,000	
Cargo Boat		5,800	
Ferry and Passenger Boat		1,100	
Steam Launch		2,200	
Native Boat		3,800	
Sampan		1,600	
Private-owned Pony and Carriage		14,000	
Livery Stable		25,000	
Motor Car		2,100	
Cart		17,000	
Private-owned Ricsha		40,000	
Public Ricsha		95,000	
Sedan Chair		5,800	
Wheelbarrow		37,000	
Firearms		10,000	
Dog		800	
			396,300
Carried forward			2,363,820

ORDINARY INCOME—*cont.*

	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.
<i>Brought forward</i>			2,363,820
RENT OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTIES.			
Markets—			
Maloo	11,500		
Elgin	4,000		
Hongkew	14,000		
East Hongkew	2,000		
Wayside	900		
Mohawk	600		
Sinza	2,000		
		35,000	
Town Hall		1,000	
Firemen's Quarters—			
Central Station	1,200		
Hongkew Station	200		
		1,400	
Cadastral Lot 168 C to February 29		700	
			38,100
CONTRIBUTIONS FROM PUBLIC COMPANIES.			
Shanghai Waterworks Co., Ltd. (<i>see</i> Sterling Extraordinary Income).			
Shanghai Gas Co., Ltd., Discount of 25% on the cost of public lighting		6,000	
Shanghai Mutual Telephone Co., Ltd., Dividend of 8% on 1,000 shares from April 1, 1907, to December 31, 1908		7,000	
Shanghai Electric Construction Co., Ltd., Royalty of 5% on gross receipts from Tramway Service		15,000	
			28,000
ESTIMATED TOTAL OF ORDINARY INCOME... ..	...	TAELS	2,429,920

ORDINARY EXPENDITURE

		Tls.	Tls.	Tls.
POLICE.				
Pay and Allowances.				
Foreigners.				
Captain-Superintendent		10,500		
Deputy Superintendent		5,700		
2 Assistant Superintendents		7,000		
3 Second Assistant Superintendents		7,800		
1 Cadet		1,800		
1 Chief Inspector		3,600		
10 Inspectors		21,000		
12 Sub-Inspectors		17,280		
50 Sergeants		60,000		
25 do. (for 6 months)		15,000		
100 Constables		84,000		
40 do. (for 6 months)		16,800		
Rent allowance.				
Captain-Superintendent	2,100			
1 Assistant Superintendent (for 8 months)	600			
1 2nd Assistant Superintendent (for 9 months)	540			
Inspectors and Sergeants living out of barracks	480			
		3,720		
Fuel and Light Allowance for Captain, Deputy and two Assistant Superintendents		1,320		
Language Allowance for proficiency in Chinese		15,000		
Allowance for Sergeants on duty at Mixed Court		900		
			271,420	
Indians.				
2 Jemadars		990		
Sergeant-Major		285		
45 Sergeants		10,530		
450 Constables		76,950		
1 Granthi		180		
1 Interpreter		360		
12 Cooks		1,620		
Language Allowance for proficiency in English and Chinese		2,000		
Drill, Traffic and Rent Allowances		3,500		
Deferred Pay		14,000		
			110,415	
Chinese.				
50 Sergeants		7,200		
20 do. (for 6 months)		1,440		
680 Constables		67,320		
150 do. (for 6 months)		4,950		
12 Station Interpreters		4,320		
27 Gatemen		3,402		
10 Teachers		3,600		
Allowance for increased rates of pay		10,000		
Allowance to men on traffic duty		120		
			102,352	
Detectives—Foreigners.				
1 Chief Inspector	2,700			
1 Inspector	2,790			
2 Sub-Inspectors	3,480			
10 Sergeants	15,000			
5 Constables	5,100			
		28,980		
Chinese.				
3 Sergeants	810			
56 Constables	10,080			
2 Clerks	990			
Merit allowance	240			
		12,120		
			41,100	
Office Staff.				
1 Chief Clerk		1,585		
8 Clerks		5,445		
1 Writer		400		
Messengers and Coolies		6,500		
			13,930	
<i>Carried forward</i>			539,217	

ORDINARY EXPENDITURE—*cont.*

	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.
<i>Brought forward</i>		539,217	
POLICE—continued.			
Superannuation		28,510	
Passages		30,000	
Medical aid.			
Pay of Indian Medical Assistant	720		
Medicines	500		
Hospital charges	4,000		
		5,200	
Uniform and equipment		45,000	
Funeral expenses		500	
Expenses of prisoners in station cells.			
Food	5,000		
Clothing	800		
Photographs	450		
Miscellaneous expenses	450		
		6,700	
Insurance		1,250	
Printing and Stationery		5,076	
Fuel		6,000	
Light		12,000	
Water... ..		2,000	
Telephone service		1,800	
Expenses for catching stray dogs	1,205		
<i>Less—Redemption fees</i>	1,200		
		5	
Locomotion		4,100	
Patrol Ponies.			
Pay of Mafoos	1,000		
Fodder, Shoeing, Clipping, etc.... ..	4,400		
Repairs to Saddlery	200		
		5,600	
Recruiting expenses in England and India		2,500	
Maintenance and Repairs.			
Furniture and Fittings	800		
Arms	200		
		1,000	
Gratuities and Rewards		1,000	
Musketry Course		900	
Miscellaneous expenses		8,000	
<i>Less.</i>		706,378	
Mixed Court Fines	40,000		
Receipts for special services	20,000		
Proceeds from sale of unclaimed property	1,600		
		61,600	
<i>Carried forward</i>		644,778	

ORDINARY EXPENDITURE—*cont.*

	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.
<i>Brought forward</i>		644,778	
POLICE—continued.			
GAOL.			
Pay and Allowances.			
Foreigners.			
Gaoler	2,400		
Assistant Gaoler... ..	1,800		
Superintendent of convict labour	600		
8 Warders	8,000		
Language Allowance for proficiency in Chinese	580		
Indians,			
4 Sergeants	1,055		
62 Warders... ..	9,770		
2 Cooks	270		
Deferred Pay	1,815		
Chinese.			
Interpreter	585		
2 Clerks	315		
Messenger and Coolies	255		
	27,445		
Superannuation	1,220		
Passages	675		
Medical aid	950		
Uniform	2,200		
Insurance	380		
Printing and Stationery	400		
Fuel	3,000		
Light	1,650		
Water	500		
Food for Convicts	13,000		
Clothing for Convicts	5,000		
Locomotion	250		
Miscellaneous expenses	2,545		
	59,215		
<i>Less—Profit on convict labour</i>	12,000		
		47,215	
STOCK AND STORES.			
Furniture for stations and quarters	10,000		
Lamps, whistles and truncheons	400		
100 Rifles... ..	2,000		
Motor Car and accessories	3,500		
Remounts for Police patrol	1,000		
Miscellaneous	5,000		
		21,900	
<i>Carried forward</i>			713,893
			713,893

ORDINARY EXPENDITURE—*cont.*

	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.
<i>Brought forward</i>			713.893
HEALTH DEPARTMENT.			
HEALTH OFFICE.			
Pay and Allowances.			
Health Officer	8,700		
2 Assistant Health Officers	10,200		
Laboratory Assistant	2,040		
Clerk	600		
Translator	2,040		
4 Inspectors	11,460		
14 Assistant Inspectors	23,473		
Chinese Staff :—			
40 Foremen	5,500		
400 House Refuse Coolies	32,000		
Disinfectors, Market Coolies, Creek Coolies, Office Staff, etc.	6,500		
	44,000		
Rent Allowance for Inspectors	1,440		
Fuel and Light Allowance for Health Officer and Assistant Health Officers	1,000		
Language Allowance for proficiency in Chinese	3,744		
Superannuation	5,851		
Passages	1,500		
Locomotion	2,500		
Fuel	1,700		
Light	2,000		
Printing, Stationery and Books	950		
Notification of Infectious Disease	250		
Laboratory Apparatus, Animals and Chemicals	3,000		
Disinfection	2,500		
Cleansing Apparatus	2,500		
House Refuse Removal	10,000		
Water	3,000		
Telephones	300		
Insurance	720		
Maintenance and Repairs	500		
Miscellaneous expenses	2,500		
	148,468		
<i>Less</i> —Receipts from Laboratory products and Certificates	9,000		
Contribution from French Municipal Council to Laboratory	1,000		
Slaughter House Fees	17,000		
Sale of Ordure	54,000		
	81,000		
		67,468	
EXTRA-DEPARTMENTAL.			
Medical Attendance on Staff	6,000		
Port Health Work—Contribution to maintenance of Customs Quarantine Station	6,000		
Grant to General Hospital	4,000		
„ „ Shantung Road Hospital	2,000		
„ „ St. Luke's Hospital	2,000		
		20,000	
<i>Carried forward</i>		87,468	713,892

ORDINARY EXPENDITURE—*cont.*

	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.
<i>Brought forward</i>		87.468	713.893
HEALTH DEPARTMENT — <i>continued.</i>			
HOSPITALS.			
Pay and Allowances.			
Matron of Victoria Nursing Home	1,600		
„ Isolation Hospital	1,200		
„ Isolation Hospital for Chinese	840		
„ Mokanshan Sanatorium	840		
Custodian of Isolation Hospital	1,980		
2 Attendants for Mental Ward... ..	2,400		
20 Nurses	11,700		
4 Probationer Nurses	864		
Special Duty Allowance	2,520		
Chinese Staff	3,800		
Superannuation	2,050		
Passages	4,000		
Uniform	1,200		
Fuel	3,000		
Light	3,250		
Drugs and Instruments	3,500		
Messing	12,000		
Water	300		
Telephones	250		
Insurance	800		
Maintenance and Repairs	1,000		
Miscellaneous expenses	3,000		
	62,094		
<i>Less</i> —Receipts from Victoria Nursing Home	19,000		
Receipts from Isolation Hospitals	8,000		
Contribution from French Municipal Council	600		
	27,600		
		34,494	
CEMETERIES, CREMATORIUM AND PUBLIC MORTUARY.			
Pay of Sexton	2,850		
Pay of Chinese Staff	3,000		
Language Allowance	392		
Superannuation	285		
Grave Contractor, etc.	2,500		
Fuel	1,000		
Plants, etc.	1,000		
Insurance	80		
Miscellaneous expenses	1,000		
	12,107		
<i>Less</i> —Fees for Cremation	1,500		
„ Grave making	3,000		
„ Grave spaces	2,500		
„ Reservation... ..	500		
	7,500		
		4,607	
SWIMMING BATH.			
Allowance of Assistant Inspector	180		
Pay of Chinese Staff	600		
Light	200		
Water	1,250		
Miscellaneous expenses	500		
	2,730		
<i>Less</i> —Receipts from bathers	1,000		
		1,730	
STOCK AND STORES.			
Furniture, including that of Indian Police Hospital	5,000		
Motor Car	2,500		
House-boat for Mokanshan Sanatorium	1,250		
		8,750	
			137,049
<i>Carried forward</i>			850,942

ORDINARY EXPENDITURE—*cont.*

<i>Brought forward</i>		Tls.	Tls.	Tls.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.				850.942
GENERAL.				
Pay and Allowances.				
Foreigners.				
Engineer and Surveyor	...	9,600		
Assistant Engineer and Surveyor	...	6,100		
Chief Engineering Assistant	...	3,800		
Chief Architectural Assistant	...	4,800		
Chief Surveying Assistant	...	3,300		
2 Divisional Engineers	...	6,600		
3 Engineering Assistants	...	6,930		
1 Architectural Assistant	...	2,520		
6 Surveying Assistants	...	14,910		
5 Clerical Assistants	...	7,870		
Stenographer	...	1,475		
Building Surveyor	...	2,520		
4 Assistant Building Inspectors	...	6,300		
4 Clerks of Works	...	9,300		
Custodian of Town Hall	...	1,980		
Boiler Inspector (moiety)	...	480		
Rent Allowance—				
Assistant Engineer	...	900		
Clerk of Works	...	480		
Fuel and Light Allowance for Engineer and Assistant Engineer	...	720		
Language allowance for proficiency in Chinese	...	576		
Chinese.				
Writers	...	2,750		
Tracers	...	3,000		
Messengers and Coolies	...	1,450		
5 Building Foremen	...	700		
7 Survey Foremen	...	930		
		99,991		
Superannuation	...	8,200		
Passages	...	4,675		
Locomotion	...	6,300		
Fuel and Light	...	480		
Telephone service	...	500		
Printing and Stationery	...	3,000		
Insurance	...	130		
Miscellaneous expenses	...	3,000		
		126,276		
Less.—Building Permit fees	4,500			
Private Works Supervision fees	3,000			
Miscellaneous Permit fees	5,500			
		13,000		
			113,276	
BUILDINGS.				
Upkeep and General Repairs to:—				
Town Hall	...	800		
Police Stations	...	8,000		
Health Department buildings	...	10,950		
Other Municipal buildings	...	10,000		
			29,750	
CREEKS AND RIVER.				
Repairs and Renewals to:—				
Bridges	...	13,400		
Bundings	...	14,500		
Jetties and Pontoons	...	7,000		
Working expenses of steam dredger	...	3,500		
Cleaning, etc., main lines of creeks	...	6,000		
			44,400	
<i>Carried forward</i>			187,426	850.942

ORDINARY EXPENDITURE—*cont.*

	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.
<i>Brought forward</i>		187,426	850,942
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT -- <i>continued.</i>			
DRAINAGE.			
Constructing new sewers in the following roads :—			
Chihli Road, from Nanking Road to Ningpo Road	770		
Koo Ka Loong, from Peking Road to Ningpo Road	400		
Woo Foo Loong, from Bun Tong Loong to Tientsin Road	250		
North Chekiang Road, from Haining Road to Boundary Road	6,000		
• North Honan Road, from North Soochow Road to Range Road	24,000		
North Szechuen Road, south of the Yukingpu 4,400			
Less—Contribution from Shanghai Land Investment Co. Ltd. 500			
	3,900		
Gordon Road, north of Markham Road, culvert to replace bridge...	571		
Markham Road, east of Gordon Road, 2 culverts to replace bridges...	1,142		
Sinza Road from Carter Road to Medhurst Road	3,400		
Jessfield Road, reconstructing culvert near Settlement boundary	660		
“ “ “ near Edna Villas	480		
“ “ 2 reinforced concrete culverts to replace bridges	2,450		
Robison Road, 2 culverts to replace bridges	1,142		
“ culvert near Jessfield Road	1,225		
“ to 250 feet east of Jessfield Road	588		
Sicawei Road, between Great Western Road and northern } boundary of Cadastral Lot 2590 }	3,000		
“ reconstructing culvert	470		
Iron gully and manhole covers	2,500		
Repairing and cleaning drains	7,000		
Renewing street gullies	2,500		
	62,448		
Less—Profit on Concreteware Manufactory	5,000		
		57,448	
ROADS.			
Pay and Allowances.			
Foreigners.			
Superintendent	2,880		
9 Overseers	15,060		
18 Indian Overseers	4,770		
Rent Allowance—			
Superintendent	480		
1 Overseer... ..	240		
Language Allowance for proficiency in Chinese	192		
Chinese.			
Metalling Labour	45,000		
Cleansing Labour	24,000		
Mafoos	8,500		
Steam Roller Staff—			
5 Drivers	900		
6 Firemen	850		
	102,872		
Superannuation	1,794		
Uniform... ..	900		
Locomotion	1,450		
Granite chips, sand and broken bricks	67,500		
• Kerb and channel	5,000		
Chip-pavements and chip-paved margins	6,250		
Street pavements	10,000		
Wood paving	400		
Granite sett edging	300		
Tools, renewals and repairs	7,500		
<i>Carried forward</i>	203,966	244,874	850,942

ORDINARY EXPENDITURE—*cont.*

	<i>Brought forward</i>	Tls. 203,966	Tls. 244,874	Tls. 850,942
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT—<i>continued.</i>				
ROADS—<i>Continued.</i>				
		200		
		1,100		
Boundary stones		3,500		
Street name-plates		300		
Working expenses of steam-rollers		5,500		
Chinese Government Land Tax		1,070		
Maintenance of carts and harness		9,000		
Insurance				
Water		8,500		
Stud—		25,000		
Metalling		2,750		
Cleansing		2,500		
Barging away road detritus		1,700		
Raking and repairing mud roads		1,500		
Repairs to Foochow pole railings			266,586	
Miscellaneous expenses				
LIGHTING.				
Electricity.				
235 arc lamps	41,413			
84 incandescent lamps	5,150	51,563		
Extensions	5,000			
Gas.				
771 Lamps...	23,706	28,706		
Extensions	5,000			
Oil.				
For outlying districts		1,050	81,319	
PARKS AND OPEN SPACES.				
Pay—Foreigners.				
Superintendent		3,000		
Assistant Superintendent		1,800		
Park-keeper		780		
1 Indian Police watchman		270		
Chinese.				
Writer		150		
One Chinese Policeman		135		
9 Foremen		1,020		
31 Gardeners		2,644		
4 Boys		145		
2 Mafoos		145		
1 Motor lawn mower driver		126		
1 Cook		70		
1 Amah (6 months)		41		
Labour		9,000		
Superannuation		480		
Chinese Government Land Tax		400		
Fuel		500		
Lighting Gardens		900		
Motor lawn mower, gasoline, repairs, etc.		435		
Water		900		
Locomotion		1,150		
Tools, repairs and renewals		800		
Repainting hot-houses, seats, etc.		2,150		
Trees, shrubs, seeds and turf		2,350		
	<i>Carried forward</i>	29,391	592,779	850,942

ORDINARY EXPENDITURE—*cont.*

	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.
<i>Brought forward</i>	29,391	592,779	850,942
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.—<i>Continued.</i>			
PARKS AND OPEN SPACES.—<i>Continued.</i>			
Mud, sand and gravel	550		
Poles and tree fastenings	2,700		
Insurance	200		
Miscellaneous expenses	2,300		
	35,141		
<i>Less.</i>			
Receipts for hire of plants	600	34,541	
STOCK AND STORES.			
2 Motor Cars and accessories	5,000		
Shafts and wheels for carts	700		
Sweeping Machine brushes	900		
Steam roller wheels	2,700		
Surveying instruments	500		
1 Carriage	650	10,450	637,770
SECRETARIAT.			
Pay and Allowances.			
Foreigners.			
Secretary	7,800		
2 Assistant Secretaries... ..	8,400		
Accountant	6,600		
Overseer of Taxes	4,320		
Assistant Overseer of Taxes	3,930		
5 Assistants	14,160		
2 Stenographers	2,400		
Inspector of Vehicles	2,580		
Tax Inspector	2,580		
13 Tax Collectors... ..	24,120		
Director of Chinese Studies	1,200		
Attached Employé	3,300		
Rent Allowance for Assistant Secretaries ..	900		
Fuel and Light Allowance for Secretary and Assistant Secretaries.	1,080		
Language Allowance for proficiency in Chinese	864		
Chinese.			
Translator	1,500		
6 Assistants	3,732		
13 Writers... ..	4,980		
Compradore and Staff	10,680		
Messengers, coolies, etc.	1,974		
	107,100		
Superannuation	7,866		
Reporter's retainer	600		
Passages	1,200		
Medical aid	450		
Uniform	1,070		
Locomotion	4,358		
Fuel and Light	920		
Insurance	110		
Printing and Stationery	15,000		
Miscellaneous expenses	2,500		
Stock and Stores	2,000	143,174	
<i>Less—Charged to industrial undertakings</i>		3,000	140,174
<i>Carried forward</i>			1,628,886

ORDINARY EXPENDITURE—*cont.**Brought forward***VOLUNTEERS.**

Pay and Allowances.

Foreigners.

Commandant	6,000
Sergeant-Major	1,800
Orderly Room Sergeant	1,440
Fuel and Light Allowance for Commandant	360

Chinese.

Town Hall, Riding School and Orderly Room Staff	1,672
Range Staff	1,770

Uniform		13,042
Accoutrements		5,000
Fuel and Light		3,000
Printing and Stationery		640
Locomotion		1,500
Telephones		1,500
Band		302
Maintenance of Range	1,200	325
<i>Less</i> —Proceeds from sale of cartridge cases, lead, etc.	850	
Camp of Exercise		350
Subscription to N.R.A.		1,500
Ammunition		75
Repairs to rifles and equipment		5,000
Insurance		15,000
Miscellaneous expenses		500
		2,500

STOCK AND STORES.

250 Rifles	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8,440
6 L.S.A. Miniature Rifles	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	114
Breeching-up tools	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	108
Ponies for Artillery	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,500
									<hr/> 10,162

PUBLIC BAND.

Pay and Allowances.

Europeans.

Conductor	3,900
Assistant Conductor	1,920
7 Musicians	11,340
2 Musicians (for 2 months)	540

Manilamen.

Assistant Conductor	1,350
25 Musicians	15,075
5 Musicians (for 6 months)	1,575
Librarian and coolies	300
Rent Allowance	2,640

Superannuation		38,640
Passages		3,725
Locomotion		1,000
Fuel and Light		1,080
Repairs to instruments, etc.		500
New Music		300
Medical aid		600
Uniform		200
Printing, Stationery, Advertising, etc.		1,200
Miscellaneous expenses		1,000
		555

<i>Less</i> —Contribution from French Municipal Council	1,500
Councils share of receipts for private services	5,000

Carried forward

1,628,886

46,896

42,300

1,718,082

ORDINARY EXPENDITURE—cont.

	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.
<i>Brought forward</i>			1,718.082
FIRE BRIGADE.			
Pay.			
Secretary (3 months)	150		
Departmental Engineer	3,280		
Watchmen at Bell Towers	3,750		
Native Staff at Workshop	3,000		
Engineers, Firemen, Chauffeurs, etc.	4,500		
Coolie Corps	650		
		15,330	
Superannuation		330	
Company Cups		230	
Stud.			
Pay of Mafos and Fodder	5,500		
Shoeing, Clipping, etc.	300		
Veterinary Surgeon's Fees	400		
Repairs to Harness... ..	300		
		6,500	
Hose Renewals		6,500	
Fuel and Light... ..		4,000	
Uniform		3,000	
Materials for workshop		2,400	
Repairs to Plant		2,000	
Telephones and Fire Alarms		2,600	
Locomotion		800	
Water		1,500	
Refreshments for Firemen at Fires		600	
Printing and Stationery		200	
Insurance		200	
Medical aid		200	
Miscellaneous expenses		250	
STOCK AND STORES.			
Horses and Ponies	2,500		
Hook and Ladder Truck	1,750		
Motor Car	2,500		
6 New Gongs	900		
		7,650	
<i>Less—</i> Receipts from Blacksmith labour	6,000		
Receipts from services of Fire Float	1,000		
Contribution from French Municipal Council	2,500		
		9,500	
			44,790
<i>Carried forward</i>			1,762,872

ORDINARY EXPENDITURE—*cont.*

<i>Brought forward</i>					Tls.	Tls.	Tls. 1,762,872
EDUCATIONAL GRANTS.							
PUBLIC SCHOOL.							
Pay and Allowances.							
Headmaster	...	...	...	...	4,200		
3 Assistant Masters	...	...	...	...	6,600		
1 Assistant Master (for 6 months)	...	...	...	...	900		
11 Assistant Mistresses	...	...	...	...	15,540		
Chinese Staff	...	...	...	...	600		
Rent Allowance for Headmaster	...	...	...	...	540		
Fuel and Light Allowance	...	...	...	...	360		
					28,740		
Superannuation	...	...	...	...	2,600		
Passages	...	...	...	...	1,300		
Printing and Stationery	...	...	...	...	900		
Fuel and Light	...	...	...	...	400		
Laboratory	...	...	...	...	100		
Text books	...	...	...	...	10		
Insurance	...	...	...	...	150		
Grant in aid of Library	...	...	...	...	200		
Expenses of Evening Classes	...	...	...	...	200		
Miscellaneous expenses	...	...	...	...	900		
					35,500		
<i>Less</i> —School fees	...	...	...	...	24,000		
						11,500	
PUBLIC SCHOOL FOR CHINESE.							
Pay and Allowances.							
Headmaster	...	...	...	...	3,000		
2 Assistant Masters	...	...	...	...	3,000		
12 Chinese Teachers	...	...	...	...	6,480		
Writer, Coolies and Watchman	...	...	...	...	820		
Fuel and Light Allowance	...	...	...	...	360		
					13,660		
Superannuation	...	...	...	...	600		
Printing and Stationery	...	...	...	...	500		
Fuel and Light	...	...	...	...	140		
Text books	...	...	...	...	100		
Insurance	...	...	...	...	125		
Miscellaneous expenses	...	...	...	...	400		
					15,525		
<i>Less</i> —School fees	...	...	...	...	7,325		
						8,200	
THOMAS HANBURY SCHOOL	...	...	...	...		1,500	
FRENCH ORPHANAGE	...	...	...	...		1,000	
ST. XAVIER'S SCHOOL	...	...	...	...		1,500	
SHANGHAI JEWISH SCHOOL	...	...	...	...		500	
FLORENCE CRITTENTON RESCUE HOME	...	...	...	...		2,000	
REFUGE FOR CHINESE SLAVE CHILDREN	...	...	...	...		1,000	
SHANGHAI LIBRARY	...	...	...	...		1,000	
SHANGHAI MUSEUM	...	...	...	...		500	
						28,700	
<i>Carried forward</i>							1,791,572

ORDINARY EXPENDITURE—*cont.*

	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.
<i>Brought forward</i>			1,791,572
GENERAL CHARGES.			
Legal expenses		3,500	
Audit fee—£200		1,400	
Semaphore Service		2,000	
Pew-rents and relief of poor... ..		500	
Rice Money		10,000	
Land Assessment.			
Assessor's fees	10,000		
Compilation of plans and printing schedules... ..	1,500		
		11,500	
Rent of Municipal properties.			
Public Recreation Ground... ..	600		
Police Stations—			
Bubbling Well	560		
Harbin Road	1,200		
Police Quarters—			
No. 8B Kiukiang Road	1,680		
No. 8 Seward Road	1,200		
No. 12 Ward Road	600		
No. 5 Yu Yuen Road	1,080		
No. 79/80 Bubbling Well Road	2,472		
Hanbury Road Fire Station	300		
Depôts—			
Soochow Road	360		
Jessfield Road	5		
Yangtsepoo	250		
No. 53 Dent Lane	72		
No. 848 Park Road	90		
		10,469	
			39,369
INTEREST.			
On General Loans and Special Loan	83,552		
On Savings Bank, Security Deposits, etc	30,285		
		113,837	
<i>Less</i> —Trust Funds, Investment Account		22,458	
			91,379
REDEMPTION OF DEBENTURES.			
Repayment of proportionate amount of debentures outstanding			119,549
ESTIMATED TOTAL OF ORDINARY EXPENDITURE... ..		TALS	2,041,869
ESTIMATED SURPLUS		TALS	388,051
		TALS	2,429,920

EXTRAORDINARY INCOME.

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EXTRAORDINARY EXPENDITURE

	Tls.	Tls.
DEFICIT FROM 1907		201,513.38
Bridges.		
Garden Bridge, exclusive of steelwork : balance of cost	11,760	
Chekiang Road Bridge, exclusive of steelwork : balance of cost	8,300	
Bund Bridge over Yangkingpang, one-fourth of cost	19,500	
		39,560.00
Bundings.		
Soochow Creek, in concrete :—		
From Chapoo Road Bridge to Chinese Garden ; balance of cost	700	
From Garden Bridge to Woosung Road, balance of cost	7,000	
Reserve Garden, west of Garden Bridge	2,100	
From Fokien Road to Cadastral lot 298	5,000	
North Soochow Road, on each side of Chekiang Road Bridge	14,500	
Hongkew Creek, in hardwood :—		
From East Scott Road to S.W. corner of Cadastral lot 320	5,000	
		34,300.00
Drainage.		
Great Western Road, culvert from Defence Creek to Mohawk Road, half cost	16,750	
Manila Road, Sewer from Mohawk Road to Great Western Road, half cost	11,250	
		28,000.00
Landing Stages.		
Half cost of 2 passenger pontoons and jetties north of the Customs pontoons, balance of cost	11,850	
Garbage shoot, Soochow Creek, at Wenchow Road	1,000	
Jetty on the Yangtszepoo Creek, at Lay Road	900	
		13,750.00
Land.		
Eastern Police Depot, balance of cost	17,640	
Western Police Depot extension	3,400	
Wayside Police station extension	510	
Sinza Market	25,000	
Bubbling Well Cemetery extension		
Victoria Nursing Home extension	10,000	
Isolation Hospital extension		
Latrine sites	2,000	
		58,550.00
Buildings.		
Police.		
Central Station, remodelling store and other alterations	1,400	
Louza Station, shed	320	
Hongkew Station, Additional Building, Indian Kitchen and Beggars' Cells	27,600	
West Hongkew Station, Additional Buildings and Wall, balance of cost	10,100	
Wayside Station, Additional Building and Alterations	24,500	
Gaol, Quarters, Godown and Alterations to Wall, balance of cost	2,100	
„ Raising Extension, Wall and Towers, balance of cost	17,000	
„ Bath-house, Kitchen Extension and Boilers	7,000	
„ Additional Workshop, 20,000		
„ Additional Indian Warders' Quarters, 21,000, }...portion of cost... 20,000		
Yangtszepoo Station, Drying-room	1,300	
Sinza Station, Cells, Store and other Alterations	7,800	
Western Depot, Indian and Chinese Quarters, balance of cost	13,500	
„ Foreign Quarters, Store, etc.	53,000	
	185,620	
<i>Carried forward</i>	185,620	375,673.38

EXTRAORDINARY EXPENDITURE—*cont.*

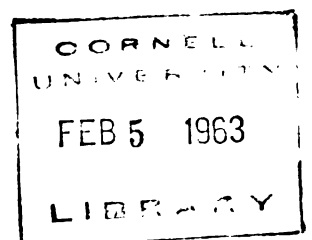
		Tls.	Tls.
	<i>Brought forward</i>	185.620	375,673.38
Buildings—cont.			
Public Health.			
Bubbling Well Cemetery, buildings and wall	20,200		
Swimming Bath, alterations and additions	2,700		
Soldiers' Cemetery, Wall, and Lodge, and laying out, balance of cost.	1,100		
Victoria Nursing Home, raising extension	500		
New Latrines	2,000		
		26.500	
Fire Brigade.			
Sinza Fire Station, half cost		12.500	
Miscellaneous.			
Council Room alterations	2,200		
Steam roller shed and Overseer's office, Northern District	1,600		
		3.800	
			228,420.00
Parks and Open Spaces.			
Hongkew Recreation Ground, Repayment of balance of Special Loan from Recreation Fund Trustees		30.000	
Hongkew Recreation Ground, raising and laying out a portion		9.000	
Reserve Garden, re-building boundary wall		3.000	
Brenan Piece, laying out		1.400	
			43,400.00
Roads.			
Acquiring land for new roads and for widening and extending existing roads		120.000	
Making up and metalling ditto		60.000	
			180,000.00
		Tals.	827,493.38

STERLING EXTRAORDINARY INCOME.

Debentures to be issued at 98 with 10% stamp duty Loan of 1905	£29,250
Dividend on 1,950 shares in the Shanghai Waterworks Co., Ltd.	4,164
Contribution by the Shanghai Electric Construction Co. to the cost of the Garden Bridge	5,500
Contribution by the Shanghai Electric Construction Co. to the cost of the Chekiang Road Bridge	2,000
	£40,914

STERLING EXTRAORDINARY EXPENDITURE.

Repayment of overdraft at the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, London	£6,639
Steelwork for Garden Bridge, balance of cost	8,500
Steelwork for Chekiang Road Bridge, balance of cost...	3,610
Steam motor fire engine	1,926
One 85 feet motor fire escape	1,950
Motor-driven hose tender	800
Interest...	1,500
Balance	15,989
	£40,914



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No. 8.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1908.

NOTICE.

The undersigned hereby give notice :—

(1) That a Public Meeting of Ratepayers will be held in the Town Hall on Friday, March 20, 1908, at 3 o'clock p.m. precisely, to devise way and means of raising the requisite funds for Municipal purposes, and to pass resolutions in reference thereto and to deliberate and decide upon other Municipal matters and business. At such meeting the accounts of the Council for the year ending December 31, 1907, will be submitted for the sanction and approval of the Ratepayers.

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The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

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Volunteers.

Artillery.—Copy of a dispatch from the Army Council to the G.O.C. in Hongkong is read, in respect to the issue of ammunition for the new guns, and of the standard of efficiency to be maintained :—

War Office, London, S.W..

January 7, 1908.

SIR,—1. With reference to your letter of August 25 last, I am commanded by the Army Council to inform you that the question of the allowance of practice ammunition for the 15-pdr. Q.F. guns in the possession of the Shanghai Volunteers has been considered, and it has been decided to allow a total of eighty rounds per annum.

2. I am to say that this allowance is contingent on the maintenance of a certain standard of efficiency, which you can no doubt, take steps to ensure.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

E. W. WARD.

The GENERAL OFFICER

Commanding the Troops in South China, Hongkong.

Headquarters and Drill Hall.—The "proceedings" of a meeting of a Board of Officers are submitted, in which attention is drawn to the inadequate accommodation provided under present conditions, having in view the increase in the membership of the Corps which has taken place during the past few years.

A proposal to submit the matter to the Ratepayers is considered, but the view is unanimous that during the current year the scheme is impracticable for financial reasons, the approximate expenditure involved being Tls. 200,000, about half of which will be required for land purchase. It is suggested, that as a means of keeping the scheme in view, a part appropriation be inserted in the Budget, by which means the officers' wishes would, to some extent, be met, but after further discussion it is regarded as preferable that even such tentative treatment of the scheme stand over until next year.

Proceedings of a Board of Officers which assembled at Shanghai on Tuesday, January 7, 1908 ; to report on the requirements of the Shanghai Volunteer Corps regarding a Drill Hall and Headquarters.

President.—Lieut.-Colonel W. M. Watson, Commandant, S. V. C.

Members.—Major T. E. Trueman, Commanding Infantry Battalion. Captain H. W. Pilcher, Commanding "A" Company. Captain L. J. Cubitt, Commanding Chinese Company.

The Board, having assembled, after a long discussion, draft a statement of the requirements of the Volunteer Corps, under existing circumstances, to be laid before the Municipal Council.

The existing Town Hall was built originally as a Drill Hall out of funds voted by the Ratepayers for the special purpose of constructing a Drill Hall: the Hall, with the gymnasium and club-room attached was opened to the Corps on January 1, 1900. During the same year, however, the Council directed that the Hall should cease to be known as the Drill Hall but should be designated the Town Hall.

The requirements of the Volunteers have become more and more insistent with each year. When the Ratepayers first authorized the construction of a Drill Hall the strength of the Corps was 341 men, it is now 841 on the active list alone.

Since 1903 the Corps has year by year shown a steady increase, and there is no reason to suppose that with proper encouragement the numbers should ever decrease, rather indeed, it is reasonable to believe that they will still continue to increase. During the past year 354 recruits have joined the Corps, that is to say that the annual supply of recruits alone exceeds the whole total of the Volunteer Corps when the construction of a Drill Hall was first sanctioned.

The existing arrangements are not adequate for the proper instruction of this number of men, and all officers are greatly handicapped in their efforts to keep their units efficient. Instruction is no longer, as formerly, confined to one month in the year, but extends over all the winter months.

The claims on the Hall for concerts, dances and band performances are now very frequent, so much so that Volunteers are continually unable to get the use of the Hall while the so-called Volunteer Club is practically non-existent, since no place can be utilized as a Club if the members are liable to be continually turned out.

Opinion.—The Board is of opinion that :—

(a) Owing to the great expansion of the Corps, the present Head quarter offices and armoury in the Honan Road are quite inadequate.

(b) Owing also, partly to the expansion above noted and also to the increasing demands of the public, the present Town Hall is no longer suitable as a Drill Hall, this also applies to the so-called Volunteer Club Room.

The Board recognizing that with the increased demands of a growing population it is impossible to combine a public Town Hall and a Drill Hall for Volunteers, recommend for the consideration of the Municipal Council that a suitable plot of ground should be obtained in the Central District, on which should be constructed a Drill Hall, with earth or asphalt floor on the ground floor, capable of accommodating 1,000 men, a Hall roughly 200 feet by 100 feet.

It is anticipated that such a Hall, which should have no rooms over it, need not be expensively built. There should also be a Gun-shed for the guns and maxims over which the offices could be built. The offices comprise, armoury, saddle-room, clothing store, tailors' shop, sergeant-major's offices and commandant's offices. Married quarters for the Orderly Room staff, and a room for lectures, meetings, etc.

It is a necessity that there should be a miniature rifle range in or adjoining the Drill-Hall. Such a Range takes up little room and costs little. It is of great importance in the instruction of recruits.

The Board also consider a Volunteer Club Room attached to the Headquarters as of great importance in attracting and keeping recruits. In the past, young men coming to Shanghai, joined the Shanghai Club more or less as a matter of course, such is no longer the case. A room, or rooms therefore, where a young man, if he joins the Volunteers, can meet his friends, is considered likely to be a great attraction.

The Corps would be prepared to meet the expense of furnishing these rooms.

The Board here wish to note that for many years past, until recently even,

every Inspecting Officer and every Chairman of the Council has deplored the lack of men in the Corps, and asked the youth of Shanghai to come forward and join the ranks. The Shanghai men have responded, and it is necessary that adequate arrangements be made for training these Volunteers, and providing suitable accommodation for the equipment of the Corps.

The Board do not consider the present Town Hall building a suitable place for a Drill Hall and offices.

(a) The Hall itself is not large enough, it is on the first floor and it is, therefore, impossible to get men in and out quickly, and it is not at all a suitable room for drill purposes.

(b) It is mixed up with the markets and is impossible for guns; even if some of the market stalls are removed to make room for the guns, there is no suitable place for harnessing or limbering up.

In conclusion the Board wish to point out that with the absorption by the Police of the present Head quarters, the building of a gun-shed, harness room, armoury, offices and staff quarters will become a necessity, and in recommending the addition of a suitable Drill Hall the Board seeks to make the scheme a complete and permanent settlement of the whole question at an additional outlay of a little more than the cost of the land, which is money invested, not spent.

Sale of Arms.

With reference to a paragraph in the Police report of February 8, alluding to two cases wherein Japanese have been found offering sheath-daggers for sale surreptitiously in tea-shops, the following correspondence is ordered for publication :—

Council Room,

Shanghai, February 16, 1908.

SIR,—I am directed to bring to your notice the fact that on February 6, a Japanese was found offering daggers for sale in the Canton Road, and evaded arrest by discarding the bag in which these weapons, fifty in number, were contained. Again on the same day a Japanese hawker was discovered offering four daggers for sale in a tea shop in Woosung Road. It is further within the Council's knowledge that similar conduct on the part of Japanese subjects has been of increasing frequency during the last year.

The Council is assured that when persons of this kind are arrested, they will be dealt with at your Consular Court in an adequate manner with due regard to the circumstances of each case. The facility, however, which with weapons are purchased by the poorer class of natives has a serious effect upon the good order of the Settlement, and it would appear necessary that some more adequate method be devised than that of

punishing offenders upon the rare occasions when they are caught red-handed. The most practical means of combating this offence is the prevention of importation of weapons except through regular and recognized channels, and, in order expeditiously to attain this end, I am directed to request that the matter receive earnest attention at your hands followed by such steps as may appear necessary.

I am directed, in conclusion, to inform you that the Council wholly relies upon your ready co-operation in this matter, in the confidence that thereby the practice referred to will be permanently checked.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. E. LEVESON,

Secretary.

H. EITAKI, Esq.,

Consul-General for Japan.

Consulate-General of Japan,

Shanghai, February 19, 1908.

SIR,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, dated the 16th instant, on the question of the sale by Japanese subjects of daggers, and to state in reply that, of the two cases mentioned in your letter all our efforts have so far failed to obtain any definite information about the peddler of daggers who is alleged to have been discovered in the Canton Road. As to the case of the hawker discovered offering for sale daggers in a tea-shop in Woosung Road, I beg to call your attention to the fact that the so-called daggers were nothing but four small penknives.

A public notification was, however, issued prohibiting the sale of pistols, daggers and other dangerous weapons to the Chinese, and warning that offenders will be strictly punished. The Japanese shipping companies were also requested to pay attention to the carrying of weapons by the passengers, and to inform this Consulate in case they are carried under suspicious circumstances.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

N. OZAKI,

Vice-Consul.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,

Secretary, Municipal Council.

Budget for 1908.

Messrs R. S. F. McBain and W. A. C. Platt, members of the incoming Council, attend for the discussion of the Budget, a complete proof of which is presented. In respect to the proposed

Increase of Taxation.—The Chairman states at some length the Council's

reasons for recommending the step, and, having perused the figures, the members present concur in its inevitability.

Opium Licences.—Particular attention is drawn to the paragraph in the Introduction relating to this subject, and to the policy which the Council proposes to recommend in relation to the question of closing the opium houses. The Chairman's proposal is adopted to make the levy of opium licences the subject of a Resolution at the Ratepayers' Meeting, which will precede that relating to the Budget, so that ample opportunity may be offered for its discussion. It will be suggested that the present partial measures of diminution be continued, and that further steps be taken in the same direction, either by reduction of numbers by lot or curtailment of the lamps in each house, in so far as seems advisable in conjunction with and in proportion to a demonstrable decrease in the cultivation and importation of the drug. At the same time stress will be laid on the fact that, so long as opium is imported and grown, its consumption within the Foreign Settlement must remain subject to Police supervision under licence, since otherwise the coolie-hongs and native lodging houses will, without doubt, become foci for the dissolute and criminal classes.

Cinematograph.

A joint report by the Engineer and Captain-Superintendent of Police is submitted upon the result of a recent inspection of the cinematographs at present showing under licence. Therein it is pointed out that the danger of a flare from ignition of films is not sufficiently guarded against. The lanterns, speaking generally, are of a very similar pattern, enclosed in a metal case.

Minor improvements and precautions are being arranged under Police supervision, and it is decided to add the following condition to licences in the future:—

- 9A.—That the lantern enclosure of the cinematograph be lined with galvanized iron or tin, and that no more than six films at one time be kept therein.

Tramways.

With respect to the questions of fares, byelaws, running powers for French cars, and other current matters of discussion with the Company, at the Chairman's suggestion it is decided to appoint a Special Committee, consisting of Messrs. Burkill, Meuser and himself, for the purpose of their settlement. Such expert advice as is required and available will be obtained.

Pingchiao Quarry.

The book profit on the working of the Quarry for 1907 amounts to Tls. 11,517.28, and, with the approval of the Auditor, it is decided in this case and in future to show the amount in reduction of expenditure on the maintenance of roads.

Road Extensions and Widening.

Minghong Road.—The conclusion of negotiations with the Rev. F. I. Lorando, S.J., is recorded under which an area of Mow 0.153 will be surrendered for the widening of this road ex Cadastral lot 1058, at the Seward Road corner, at the rate of Tls. 13,000 per mow, the reinstatement work involved to be entirely at the expense of the Council.

This improvement is mainly on tramway account and the Concessionaires have agreed to defray one-half of its total cost.

Boundary Road.—The scheduled area of cadastral lot 533, comprising lots formerly numbered 508/9 and 511/5, will be surrendered for road purposes in accordance with the following correspondence:—

Shanghai, September 12, 1907.

DEAR SIR,—In answer to your letter of the 4th instant, we regret that our client does not see his way to surrender free to the Council those portions of B.C. lot 3947, Cadastral No. 533, coloured red on the plan sent therewith.

Under the circumstances our client instructs us to say that he will agree to the surrender of the portions coloured red at the rate of Tls. 8,500 per mow plus 10 per cent for compulsory surrender the Council to bear the whole of the expenses for making up and metalling the pavement along the above lot.

Yours faithfully,

STOKES, PLATT & TEESDALE.

C. MAYNE, Esq.,

Municipal Engineer.

Shanghai, September 21, 1907.

DEAR SIR,—Boundary Road Extension, B.C. lots 4290, 2750 and 4407. Cadastral lots 502, 518 and 517. Referring to your letter of August 21, our clients claim compensation at the rate appearing in the new assessment schedule, plus 10 per cent for compulsory surrender.

Our clients have no objection to the Council proceeding with the making up of the road.

Yours faithfully,

STOKES, PLATT & TEESDALE.

C. MAYNE, Esq.,

Municipal Engineer.

Council Room,

Shanghai, September 27, 1907.

GENTLEMEN,—I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your letters of September 12 and 21, addressed to the Municipal Engineer, relating to the scheduled strips of Cadastral lots 502, 517, 518, and 533 which are required for the construction of Boundary Road.

In the first place I am directed to state that the Council is of opinion that the construction of this new thoroughfare will so far appreciate the land values in the neighbourhood, and the lots fronting upon the road in particular, as to render it inadvisable that any compensation be paid to the owners concerned.

A number of lots have already been dealt with upon this basis, and I am directed to refer to the minute on the subject published in the "North-China Daily News" on Thursday last. In the case of lot 533 the Council is prepared to grant the same terms as were recorded in respect to lot 523, that is to pay for the small strip at the corner of the Cunningham Road the value per mow recently placed upon the property for assessment purposes less two-thirds for betterment.

I am directed to express the hope that you will use your good offices with the beneficial owners of these properties that free surrender may be arranged and I may add that the Council is unwilling to absolve the owners from any subsequent liability which they may incur in terms of Article VIc of the Land Regulations.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

W. E. LEVESON,

Secretary.

MESSRS. STOKES, PLATT and TEESDALE.

Shanghai, December 10, 1907.

SIR,—With reference to your letter dated September 27 last as to the surrender of certain portions of B. C. lot 3947, Cadastral lot 533 for the construction of a new road, we are now instructed by the beneficial owner that he is prepared to give up the land in question in accordance with the new assessment rate, plus 10 per cent for compulsory surrender.

A plan of the above lot was sent to us by Mr. Mayne on September 4 and the portions of land we refer to are those coloured red thereon and stated to measure in area 4 fun 9 li and 9 haou.

We are, Sir,

Your obedient servants,

STOKES, PLATT & TEESDALE.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,

Secretary, Municipal Council.

Council Room,

Shanghai, December 20, 1907.

GENTLEMEN.—In reply to your letter of December 10 I am directed to state that the Council is willing to modify the offer contained in mine of September

27, as to the compensation payable in respect to the scheduled strip of Cadastral lot 533, by paying on the increased area you mention, viz., Mow 0.499.

I would, however, request that you be good enough to prevail upon the beneficial owner of the property to assent to the same arrangement as to betterment as was made with the owner of lot 523, and to which your attention has been drawn.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

W. E. LEVESON,

Secretary.

Messrs. STOKES, PLATT AND TEESDALE.

Shanghai, February 10, 1908.

SIR,—With reference to Cadastral lot 533 and in reply to your letter of December 20 we are now instructed to inform you that our client is prepared to accept the Council's offer of compensation, viz., that compensation shall be paid on area of Mow 0.499 surrendered at the new assessment rate, plus 10 per cent for compulsory surrender but less two-thirds for betterment.

We shall accordingly be obliged if you will let us have a cheque for the amount found due together with a surrender deed for the land in question which Mr. Teesdale will execute as registered owner.

We are, Sir,

Your obedient servants,

STOKES, PLATT & TEESDALE.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,

Secretary, Municipal Council.

Tenders.

The following are authorized for acceptance :—

Erection of bridge rest and dolphins of Jarrah wood on the Bund foreshore opposite the Shanghai Club, The New Engineering and Shipbuilding Works, Limited, Tls. 495.

Construction and erection of two horizontal high-pressure engines, and transport and erection of loco-boiler and stone breaker, at the Pingchiao Quarry, The Shanghai Dock & Engineering Co., Ltd. Tls. 7,500.

Supply of forty-eight Indian cooking stoves and boilers, Yung Chong, Tls. 968.

Electricity Department.

Extension of Mains.—Upon the recommendation of the Electricity Committee an extension of the mains is authorized along the new road now being laid out leading to Medhurst College, and consisting of sections of the Chaoufoong, East Yuhang and Kalgan Roads. The College authorities have agreed to contribute a sum of Tls. 140 towards the capital expenditure involved.

Portrait of Mr. G. J. Morrison.

This picture has arrived per str. Nubia to be hung in the Council Room, and it is decided to convey to Mrs. Morrison in suitable terms an expression of the Council's appreciation of the gift.

Annual Meeting of Ratepayers.

The date for the Meeting is arranged for Friday, March 20, at 3 o'clock p.m.

The meeting adjourns at 7.05 p.m.

The following documents are forwarded for publication with the foregoing minutes :—

Health Department.

Notification of Infectious Disease.

The following have been reported during the week ending Sunday, February 23, 1908.	Deaths, among Chinese population of 530,000.	Cases notified among Non-Chinese population of 14,500.
Small-pox.	11	0
Cholera.	0	0
Typhoid Fever.	0	1
Diphtheria.	2	2
Scarlet Fever.	0	1
Tuberculosis.	34	0
Total Deaths from all Causes	204	2

ARTHUR STANLEY,

Health Officer.

Summary of General Municipal Rate, Native. December Quarter.

	1907.		1906.		1905.	
	No. of Houses.	Rental Assessment.	No. of Houses.	Rental Assessment.	No. of Houses.	Rental Assessment.
Central District.....	12,339	\$ 4,232,617	12,340	\$ 3,775,839	12,572	\$ 3,635,305
Northern do.	15,494	2,057,572	14,773	1,832,168	14,346	1,741,982
Eastern do.	12,095	920,037	11,550	829,398	9,972	704,602
Western do.	9,554	935,822	8,556	788,086	8,438	748,572
Outside Settlement Limits	2,772	214,677	2,069	158,546	—	—
Total	52,254	8,360,725	49,288	7,384,037	45,328	6,830,461
Occupied by Natives.....	48,515	7,371,784	47,052	6,808,470	43,352	6,343,814
do. Foreigners	1,053	404,193	1,064	359,466	964	245,227
Unoccupied	2,686	584,748	1,172	216,101	1,012	241,420
Total	52,254	8,360,725	49,288	7,384,037	45,328	6,830,461
Tax Collected						
Central District @ 10%		101,305		92,537		88,631
Northern do. do.		47,035		44,561		42,034
Eastern do. do.		20,603		19,416		16,706
Western do. do.		19,971		18,518		17,171
Outside Settlement Limits @ 5%		2,402		1,850		—
Total		191,316		176,882		164,542

A. JOHNSFORD,
Overseer of Taxes.

The Municipal Gazette.

SUPPLEMENT TO THE NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS AND THE
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No. 9.

FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 1908.

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MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1891.

DOGS.

NOTICE is hereby given that the **DOG MUZZLING REGULATION** will be rigorously enforced, both within the limits of the Settlement and on outlying roads

Dogs found without muzzles, whether led or at large, will be seized by the Police, and their owners, when identified, will be prosecuted. Dogs wearing ineffective muzzles will be regarded as unmuzzled.

Dog owners who have not yet taken out licences for 1908, are requested to make application for the same at the Tax Office.

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,

Secretary

Council Room,

Shanghai, February 15, 1908.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1893.

PUBLIC BAND.

THE week day performances of the Band in the Town Hall will cease during the Volunteer Training Season from February 29 to April 4 inclusive.

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,

Secretary.

Council Room,

Shanghai, February 17, 1908.

THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, February 26, 1908, at 4.30 p.m., there are present:

Messrs. D. Landale (*Chairman*)

A. W. Burkill

J. C. Hanson

W. D. Little

A. D. Lowe

J. H. McMichael

O. Meuser

J. Prentice

The Secretary and

Assistant Secretary.

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Volunteers.

Artillery.—The resumption of negotiations with the Shanghai Horse Bazaar Co., Ltd., for mounting the Battery, by the purchase of China ponies has resulted in the arrangements outlined in the following correspondence. A tender was also submitted by the Dallas Horse Re-pository:—

Shanghai, February 5, 1908.

DEAR SIR,—We beg to acknowledge with many thanks the receipt of your valued inquiry with reference to the supply of ponies required for Artillery work and we are prepared to quote the following terms which we trust will be found acceptable:—

(1) We will supply twenty ponies broken to work in teams of four, two of which are to be ridden in each team, for the sum of Tls. 130 each.

(2) The ponies are to be shown at team work with our riders, and if found suitable to be accepted and stand at the risk of the Municipal Council from the date of acceptance.

(3) For four months of the year the livery of the ponies is to be paid for at the rate of Tls. 22 each per mensem but should the Battery require the use of the animals for a longer period than four months in the year the same rate will be paid for such period as the animals may be required over and above the before mentioned four months.

(4) For the remaining eight months in the year or for such period as the Battery does not require the animals (*vide Para. 3*) Tls. 12 per month per animal shall be paid towards the expense of keeping the animals, and during this time this Company may place the animals at such work as they may think fit.

(5) The above terms are to include clipping and shoeing.

(6) The twenty animals are to stand at the risk of the Municipal Council, and this Company is to be held in no way responsible for sickness, lameness, accidents or deaths arising from fire or *force majeure*.

(7) This Company shall place ten or twelve hacks at the service of the Battery whenever they may be required and for which Tls. 3 per animal shall be paid on each occasion they are required.

Your letter does not state the time in which the ponies are to be supplied but utilizing the best of our present stock we think we can fill the order within a very short period.

Trusting that you will find the suggested terms acceptable and that we may be favoured with the order.

We have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your obedient servants,
THE SHANGHAI HORSE BAZAAR
Co., Ltd.

H. E. KEYLOCK,
General Manager.

Lieut.-Colonel W. M. WATSON,
Commandant,
Shanghai Volunteer Corps.

Council Room,
Shanghai, February 24, 1908.

SIR,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of February 5, addressed to the Commandant, S.V.C., and to accept the offer therein contained for the purchase of twenty ponies for the Volunteer Artillery and for their subsequent maintenance.

Final acceptance of these proposals was deferred pending the preliminary trial of one team, which is now reported to have taken place, with satisfactory results.

With regard to Clause 6 the Council assumes that the responsibility for accident to a pony while in work for the Bazaar under Clause 4, will be at the risk of the Bazaar and not of the Council.

It is further understood that members of the Corps will be permitted to take over and keep ponies at their own charge during the period mentioned in Clause 4.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

H. E. KEYLOCK, Esq.,
General Manager,
The Shanghai Horse Bazaar Co., Ltd.

Shanghai, February 25, 1908.

DEAR SIR,—We have for acknowledgement your letter of the 24th instant and we note with satisfaction that the offer contained in our letter of February 5 has been accepted.

With reference to Paragraph 3 of your letter in which you state that that Council assumes that the responsibility for accident to a pony while in work for the Bazaar under Clause 4 will be at the risk of the Bazaar, and not of the Council, we of course will take the responsibility provided the accident is due to negligence on the part of our servants. We hardly think that we can be expected to be responsible for accidents arising from sources over which we have no control.

This is a subject which will probably need give and take from both sides, but you may rest assured that this Company will at all times endeavour to fall in with your wishes.

With regard to your concluding paragraph in which you state that it is understood that members of the Corps will be permitted to take over and keep ponies at their own charge; we shall have no objection provided (a) that a member of the Corps undertakes to keep the pony not less than one month. (b) in the event of a pony being returned by a member in a condition not fit to work, the livery to be paid for that pony until the animal is fit for work shall be in accordance with Paragraph 3, namely Tls. 22 per month. (c) Should a member elect to make use of the pony and keep him in our stables the livery to be paid shall be at the rate of Tls. 22 per month.

With reference to above stipulations we venture to suggest that for your own interests some such agreement should be made by a member when he elects to take over the pony.

We are, Dear Sir,

Your obedient servants,
THE SHANGHAI HORSE BAZAAR Co., Ltd.
H. E. KEYLOCK,
General Manager.

The SECRETARY,
Municipal Council.

Police

Foreign Branch.—The transfer of the following to the Detective Branch is authorized:—

Sgt. J. Macdonald	as from Dec. 6
" P. J. McCabe	" Jan. 1
" I. Thygesen	" Feb. 17

T. Nakamura is appointed Japanese Interpreter as from December 23, on one year's probation.

Japanese Interpreters Maruyama and Murata are discharged as from October 31, 1907, having failed to return to duty upon expiry of short leave.

Mixed Court.

The following correspondence is ordered for publication:—

Council Room,

Shanghai, February 26, 1908.

SIR,—I have the honour to draw attention to a case heard in the Mixed Court on February 10, wherein four unemployed Chinese were accused of being in possession of firearms, and of being concerned in certain robberies at Yangchow.

From the Police reports submitted it appears that under instructions from the Captain-Superintendent, an application was made to the Court for a remand to enable the Police to make further inquiries as to the men's antecedents, and for the collection of any evidence which might exist to identify them with the crime of which they were accused. This application, however, was refused, and the men were handed over to be tried by the Provincial Treasurer at the "Office of Foreign Affairs."

The refusal of the Police request for a remand in a case of this description is unusual, and the opening of a native criminal court in the Bubbling Well Road without a Foreign Assessor

appears to the Council a most undesirable and dangerous proceeding. I have, therefore, the honour to lay these facts before you, and to express the Council's earnest hope that you will, after inquiry, take such steps as will preclude the possibility of similar action in the future.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your obedient servant,
DAVID LANDALE,
Chairman.

Sir PELHAM WARREN, K.C.M.G.,
H. M. Consul-General.

H.B.M. Consulate-General,
Shanghai, February 27, 1908.

SIR.—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday's date and to state in reply that what the Council describe as "the opening of a native criminal court in the Bubbling Well Road without a Foreign Assessor" was in reality a single act of courtesy to a high Chinese official.

The Treasurer of this province, His Excellency Jui, has, as you are aware, been commissioned by the central Government to suppress the outbreak of robbery and piracy which has recently occurred in the neighbourhood of this port. The four men in question were arrested at his instigation and as he himself was staying at the Bubbling Well Road at the time and had expressed a wish to interrogate the accused before handing them over to be dealt with by his deputy in the City, it was arranged, after the preliminary hearing at the Mixed Court, that they should be kept in police custody at Louza Station and taken before the Treasurer at the office of Foreign Affairs at the times named by him, after which they would be transferred to the City in the usual course.

By this disposition, which was explained to the Police officer on duty at the time, the Court was able to meet the wishes of an official, who was acting in the interests of the Settlement inasmuch as he was engaged in an energetic endeavour to suppress disorder in its neighbourhood, and at the same time to give the Police an opportunity of collecting further evidence by leaving the accused in their custody, where as a matter of fact they remained until February 12, i.e., for a period of three days from the date of their arrest.

The Court, in short, used its discretion in the matter without thereby necessarily intending to create a precedent for the future.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your obedient servant,
PELHAM WARREN,
Consul-General.

D. LANDALE, Esq.,
Chairman, Municipal Council.

Native Police Beyond Limits.

The following letter with reply as decided is ordered for publication:—

Shanghai, February 18, 1908.

SIR,—Herewith I have the honour to forward copy and translation of a letter from the Taotai asking that the Chinese police officers on duty going in uniform and under arms to and from the native City, be allowed to pass through the Settlement, a matter upon which the Consular Body shall be pleased to have the Council's views.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

D. SIFFERT,

*Council-General for Belgium,
and Senior Consul.*

D. LANDALE, Esq.,

Chairman, Municipal Council.

*Translation of letter from the Taotai to
the Senior Consul, dated February
13 1908.*

I have to inform you that I am in receipt of a letter from Wang, Superintendent of the Chief Police Station of Shanghai, stating that in connexion with the measures for extending the Police in the City and in Pootung, it appears that the schools in the two districts are both very far from the head office, and are separated by the Settlement, so that when Police officers and drill instructors go to and fro on duty, it constantly arises that they must proceed wearing their uniforms and carrying swords. They fear, therefore, that the Police of the Settlement may raise objections, and ask that you be notified first to give directions to the Police at all the Stations, to take general note that when hereafter the officials and officers of this office pass to and fro to the Settlement on duty, wearing uniform and carrying swords, on perceiving the regulation uniform no difficulties may be raised.

I have therefore to address this letter to you requesting you to take note, and awaiting your reply.

Council Room.

Shanghai, February 26, 1908.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of February 18, enclosing a communication from the Taotai as to the passage of native Police officers through the Settlement in uniform and bearing arms.

In reply thereto I have the honour to state that acquiescence in a request of the Chinese Authorities for any unrestricted rights of entry for armed natives into foreign limits would be regarded by the Council as injudicious.

In practice, the existing system of permits for use in such cases is found to be consistent with the circumstances.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

DAVID LANDALE,

Chairman.

D. SIFFERT, Esq.,

Consul-General for Belgium,
and Senior Consul.

Opium Licences.

By reply, as decided, to letters from H.M. Consul General and the Shanghai Missionary Association, the Council is enabled to declare with more precision the policy in respect to opium houses which it will recommend for the Ratepayers' approval at the forthcoming Annual Meeting, together with the determining factors by which that policy is dictated.

H.B.M. Consulate-General,

Shanghai, February 25, 1908.

SIR,—With reference to the question of the closing of opium dens within the limits of the International Settlement at Shanghai, I am directed by His Majesty's Minister to bring to your knowledge the following observations which have been made to him by His Majesty's Secretary of State on the decision of the Council, as expressed in your letter of October 18 last addressed to the Senior Consul, to take no immediate steps for the reduction of the number of licences issued.

His Majesty's Secretary of State points out that the period of ten years fixed for the gradual extinction of poppy cultivation in China has no necessary connexion with the treatment of opium dens. The poppy is allowed to be cultivated under restrictions in India, but opium saloons have long been totally suppressed. Their suppression is a police and disciplinary measure, the necessity for which is not wholly disproved by the contention that the opium-consuming habit may be continued in private houses. In India persons are at liberty to consume opium in their own houses in spite of the suppression of the saloons, the reason for the distinction being that in their own homes they are not surrounded by the atmosphere of vice which is found where a public saloon is run for the purposes of profit.

The Council would, in the Secretary of State's opinion, give a more convincing proof of their desire to second the efforts of the Chinese Government to suppress the opium habit if they would take immediate steps for the gradual suppression of saloons and for the prohibition of assemblages for opium smoking in private houses, leaving private smoking at home untouched. They have before them, he says, the example of steps taken by the Chinese authorities in the native city of Shanghai and in other large towns, and they should surely place themselves in a line in this respect with Chinese action.

In communicating these observations to me His Majesty's Minister expresses the hope that you and your colleagues will recognize the wisdom of acting upon the advice of His Majesty's Government. In no British Concessions in China are there now any opium dens and His Majesty's Minister cannot but think that the ratepayers in the International Settlement at Shanghai will be willing to provide other sources of revenue to make good the loss

entailed by the abolition of licences for public saloons.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

PELHAM L. WARREN,

Consul-General.

The CHAIRMAN,

Municipal Council.

Council Room,

Shanghai, February 29, 1908.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of February 25, communicating to the Council certain observations of His Majesty's Secretary of State in respect to the question of the suppression of opium houses in the Foreign Settlement of Shanghai.

In reply thereto I have to request that you will be good enough to communicate to His Majesty's Minister the substance of the minute on this subject published in the "North-China Daily News" of February 27. Therein it will be observed that the policy which the Council proposes to recommend for the Ratepayers' approval at their approaching Annual Meeting is in general conformity with the suggestions of His Majesty's Secretary of State.

The Council will take leave to address a further communication to you on the subject after this meeting has taken place.

I have the honour to be,

Sir

Your obedient servant,

DAVID LANDALE,

Chairman.

Sir PELHAM WARREN, K.C.M.G.,

H.M. Consul-General.

Shanghai, February 25, 1908.

SIR,—The enclosed resolution, framed by a committee appointed for that purpose will, I trust, explain itself. This Committee is desirous of furthering the plans of the Council for the suppression of the places licensed for opium smoking in the Settlement. The members of this committee are sensible that the closing of these licensed places is but one in a series of reforms planned by the British and Chinese Governments and not an end in itself. At the same time they are well assured that the effective co-operation of so influential a body as the Shanghai Municipal Council in the accomplishment of this one step must add greatly to the force of the whole movement for abolition. Moreover, they are deeply sensible of the material effect such an action as is here urged will have upon the well-being of the Chinese community under your jurisdiction. Further, they feel strongly that the severance of official connexion with the opium trade as carried on in this Settlement, will immediately strengthen the power and prestige of the Council as a governing body, both in its relations with Chinese officials and in its dealings with the Chinese resident in the Settlement.

Trusting that this resolution will meet with careful and sympathetic consideration and will commend itself to your judgement.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. NELSON BITTON,

Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Shanghai Missionary Association.

D. LANDALE, Esq.,

Chairman, Municipal Council.

RESOLUTION.

Whereas on January 12, 1907, the Chairman of the Shanghai Municipal Council, in a letter to the Shanghai Taotai, assured him of the sincere sympathy of the Council with the movement toward the suppression of the use of opium, and gave assurance that as soon as there was evidence of the *bond-fide* intentions of the Chinese Government to give practical effect to their protestations, the active co-operation of the Foreign Settlements would follow; and, whereas

Tientsin and other foreign communities in China have already ceased licensing opium dens; and, whereas

Chinese public opinion in this Settlement has expressed itself strongly and consistently in favour of the closing of all opium dens, and eagerly anticipates such action on the part of the Council; and, whereas the official licensing of opium dens has been stopped throughout this province, it is hereby resolved:

"That this committee respectfully petition the Shanghai Municipal Council to provide for the withdrawal of all licences for opium smoking in this Settlement during the forthcoming financial year, making such provision for their suppression within that period as shall seem most practicable."

Signed in behalf of the

Shanghai Missionary Association.

G. H. BONDFIELD,

Chairman of Shanghai Missionary Association.

H. LI. W. BEVAN.

TIMOTHY RICHARD.

C. J. F. SYMONS,

H. S. V. MYERS,

D. MACGILLIVRAY,

W. NELSON-BITTON.

Chairman of Executive Committee.

Council Room.

Shanghai, February 29, 1908.

SIR,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of February 25, enclosing a resolution passed by your Committee upon the subject of the suppression of opium houses in this Settlement.

In reply thereto I am, in the first place, to allude to the minute on the subject published on February 27, wherein is an indication of the policy which the Council proposes to adopt in this important matter, at the forthcoming meeting of Ratepayers.

It will be readily recognized by yourself, and by those who are associated with you in this movement, that the closing of more than 1,500 licensed establishments is not a measure which can be undertaken without the fullest consideration and due precaution, and, in approaching the task, the Council has of necessity been influenced by the administrative difficulties which present themselves, and by the Police aspect of the matter.

It is the opinion of the members that too sudden or too drastic suppressive steps, while possibly achieving their object in form, would introduce other conditions perhaps no less harmful to this community than those which it is sought to amend.

With these considerations in view the Council is prepared to recommend for the Ratepayers' approval a reduction in the number of licenses by one-quarter, with effect from July 1, or from such other early date as may appear advisable to the Council for 1908/9. Before the close of the year, the anti-opium movement will probably have made considerable strides, whereupon the community will be in a position to decide upon further steps in the direction which you have at heart, leading to the total abolition of the opium habit in the Settlement.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. E. LEVESON,

Secretary.

The Rev. W. N. BITTON,

Chairman of the Executive Committee,

The Shanghai Missionary Association.

Likin Collection in the Settlement.

A Police report is submitted from which it is learnt that two likin runners, whose exactions have been the subject of petitions by certain native residents during the past few months, were arrested and taken before the Mixed Court on Monday last. The case was remanded until Friday, and the Council approves the proposal to place the prosecution in the hands of the Legal Adviser, who will be instructed to press for heavy punishment in accordance with precedents, by which means alone the immunity of the Settlement from the levy of likin can be maintained.

Bund Pontoons and Jetties.

The proposal of the Telephone Company to erect public telephone on the Passenger Pontoon is approved, upon the condition that the necessary sheltering kiosk is erected under the supervision of the Public Works Department, and that it be liable to removal at the Council's request on three months' notice being given. The Company will make a charge of ten cents for each message.

Pingchiao Quarry.

A report by the Engineer is read to the effect that the cost of transport from Pingchiao has been reduced to \$1.05 per ton of materials, with effect from February 13. A number of offers have recently been received for the performance of this work and it is possible the competition will result in some further reduction.

Public Lighting.

Further lighting arrangements are approved in the following roads involving new lamps as stated. The total cost

of the improvements contemplated is an initial outlay of \$925 and an annual expenditure of Tls. 1,407 and \$398.25 which figures include the cost of certain conversions and alterations of position:

Kinkiang Road, between Szechuen and Hoopoh Roads—

2 electric arc lamps and 3 gas lamps.

Nanking Road—

3 electric arc lamps.

Whashing Road south of the Yangtszepoo Road—

5 gas lamps.

Jansen Road south of Yangtszepoo Road—

4 gas lamps.

Bubbling Well Road between Defence Creek and Carter Road.

Carter Road—

2 electric arc lamps.

In respect to the Gordon Road a letter from a resident is submitted, desiring that a further section of the road be lit, but, in view of the Police Report in re. it appears inadvisable to give this outlying thoroughfare precedence in the matter of public lighting over other more necessary work.

Road Extensions and Widening.

Official Plans, 1908.—The plans showing amendments and new extensions in the Northern, Eastern and Western Districts, as adopted by the Works Committee, are submitted and approved. The schedule accompanying includes the following major items:—

(1) A new road to connect the Haining and Range Roads, midway between the North Honan and North Szechuen Roads, to be regarded as an extension of the Purdon Road.

(2) Widening the North Honan Road to forty feet throughout.

(3) Widening the Chapoo Road to forty feet up to the Boone Road.

(4) Extension of all roads south of the Yangtszepoo Road to the Conservancy normal line, and the addition of one new such road to be numbered 71 adjoining Lot 6060.

(5) A new road between Broadway and East Seward Road along the line of the Panjoelooong.

(6) Widening the East Hanbury, Yuenfong, Singkeipang and Macgregor Roads to forty feet.

(7) Widening the Park Road to forty feet ex Lot 15.

(8) Continuation of Connaught Road to the Soochow Creek for drainage purposes.

(9) A new road from the Cemetery Road to the Great Western Road along the bank of the Defence Creek.

(10) A new road between Manila and Great Western Roads east of Chungking Road.

(11) A new road to connect the Sinza and Markham Roads, required to relieve the heavy traffic at their present juncture.

(12) Extension of the Sinza Road Depot to the line of the foregoing.

(13) Widening the Cemetery and Taku Roads at their junction by the inclusion of Lot 1,360.

(14) Latrine sites and land for other sanitary purposes.

Some discussion ensues as to a proposed new road designed to follow the Conservancy Normal Line from the Yangtszepoo Creek to the Settlement boundary. The desirability of securing this water frontage for public use is, in the Chairman's opinion, undoubted; at the same time the liability which might be involved for land purchase and bunding is one which the Council considers it injudicious to accept. While, therefore, the road may be obtained hereafter by negotiation with the Conservancy Board and lot-owners concerned, it is regarded as preferable that it should not be shown in this year's official plans, and until by ventilation of the subject definite arrangements for construction have become more practicable. It is pointed out that the interests of certain companies and other undertakings requiring water frontage facilities, would be jeopardized by a measure of this description, and it is decided to call for an estimate, by the Engineer, of the probable expenditure involved in the scheme.

Canton Road.—The claim of Messrs. Ward, Probst & Co. in respect to the scheduled portion of Lot 439 is accepted, being at the assessed value plus 10 per cent for an area of Mow 0.017. The ques-

tion of betterment will not be raised in this instance in accordance with the recent treatment of Lots 435 and 281.

Thorburn and Batavia Roads, and Extension No. 44.—The informal offer of Father Mouly is considered for the free surrender of the scheduled strips of Lots 2922, 3120, 3175 and 3200, in return for the completion of the section of the Chusan and Kwenming Roads opposite Lot 1984. This proposal appears to the members as reasonable, and it is decided to put the work in hand upon signature of the necessary surrender deeds.

Bubbling Well Road.—As a result of the arrangement concluded in the following correspondence the whole of Lot 2194 has been purchased at the rate of Tls. 6,000 per mow, with 10% for compulsory surrender. Of the area, Mow 0.106 is required for road purposes and Mow 0.069 will be held as surplus land.

Shanghai, December 31, 1907.

DEAR SIR,—We are obliged by receipt of your letter of the 27th instant enclosing a plan of Cad. lot 2194, B.C. lot 5422, showing how it will be affected by the Bubbling Well Road widening.

It appears that the widening of the road will mean the surrender of practically two-thirds of the lot, which will leave a balance of area quite useless to the owner for any purpose.

In these circumstances, we shall be glad if you will let us know whether the Council are willing to purchase the whole lot.

The owner is willing to accept a sum of Tls. 1,400 for it.

Yours faithfully,

STOKES, PLATT & TEESDALE.

C. MAYNE, Esq.,

Municipal Engineer.

Council Room,

Shanghai, January 10, 1908.

GENTLEMEN,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of December 31, addressed to the Municipal Engineer, on the subject of the widening of the Bubbling Well Road ex Cadastral lot 2194.

In reply thereto I am to inform you that the Council is prepared to purchase the whole of the lot for the reason you cite, and, with regard to price, to pay at such new "fair market value" as may be placed thereon by Messrs. W. Scott and A. E. Algar in connexion with the re-assessment now in progress, adding as usual 10 per cent for compulsory surrender.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

W. E. LEVESON,

Secretary.

Messrs. STOKES, PLATT & TEESDALE.

Shanghai, February 15, 1908.

SIR,—In reference to your letter of the 10th ultimo, we have now consulted our clients, who inform us that they are ready to agree to your proposal, namely to abide by the decision of Messrs. Walter Scott and A. E. Algar, as to what they consider a "fair market value" of this land in connexion with the re-assessment now in progress, plus the usual 10 per cent for compulsory surrender.

We are, Sir,

Your obedient servants,

STOKES, PLATT & TEESDALE.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.

Secretary, Municipal Council.

Consular Body.

Mr. M. Kobr, Vice-consul, notifies the Council that, in consequence of the decease of the Consul-General for Austria-Hungary, he has assumed charge of the Consulate-General, and the occasion is taken to record an expression of the Council's sincere regret at the lamented death of the late Mr. von Hirsch.

Thomas Hanbury School.

The following letter and reply record the constitution of the Committee of Management of this institution during the ensuing year:—

Shanghai, February 21, 1908.

SIR,—Under the terms of the deed of trust, I have to ask the Council to appoint four members to serve on the Committee, for 1908, our subscription for last year having exceeded the sum of Tls. 500.00.

At foot I beg to hand you the names of those who are willing to serve, if elected, and I will be glad if you will let me have the names of those the Council decide to appoint.

It is hoped the management of this institution continues to meet with the approval of the Council, and that

provision for the usual grant will be made in the budget for the year.

I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

R. MACDONALD,

Hon. Treasurer.

Thomas Hanbury School
and Children's Home.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.

Secretary, Municipal Council.

Mesdames Bondfield, Hinckley, Hodges, Lemke and Smalley.

Revs. G. H. Bondfield and A. J. Walker.

Messrs. H. E. Hobson, H. Hanbury, R. Macdonald, and A. S. P. White-Cooper.

Council Room,

Shanghai, February 28, 1908.

SIR,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of February 21, having reference to the constitution of the Committee for the Thomas Hanbury School and Children's Home during the coming year and, in reply to this communication, I am to state that the usual grant has been inserted in the Budget towards its maintenance.

Of the names of ladies and gentlemen submitted by yourself as willing to serve on the Committee, the Council selects Mrs. Bondfield, the Reverend A. J. Walker, and Messrs. H. E. Hobson and A. S. P. White-Cooper as representing the Municipality.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant.

W. E. LEVESON,

Secretary.

R. MACDONALD, Esq.,

Honorary Treasurer.

Thomas Hanbury School and
Children's Home.

Resignation of Member.

Mr. Hanson states that he will be leaving Shanghai for England in the course of the week, and he therefore tenders the resignation of his seat on the Council. In accepting the same the Chairman expresses the regret of the members at the loss of Mr. Hanson's services, and of their appreciation of the work he has performed on the Finance Committee during the year.

The meeting adjourns at 7 p.m.

The following documents are forwarded for publication with the foregoing minutes:—

Health Department. Notification of Infectious Disease.

The following have been reported during the week ending Sunday, March 1, 1908.	Deaths among Chinese population of 530,000.	Cases notified among Non-Chinese population of 14,500.
Small-pox.	6	3
Cholera.	0	0
Typhoid Fever.		0
Diphtheria.	4	0
Scarlet Fever.	1	1
Tuberculosis.	29	0
Total Deaths from all Causes	154	6

ARTHUR STANLEY,

Health Officer.

Land Regulation XXX.

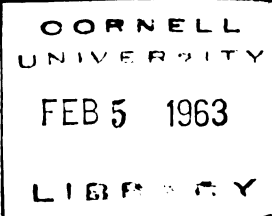
As proposed for amendment at the Special Meeting of Ratepayers about to be convened by the Council.

"The Council may from time to time make Rules with respect to the structure of walls, foundations, roofs and chimneys of new buildings for securing stability and the prevention of fires, and for purposes of health, with respect to the sufficiency of the space about buildings to secure a free circulation of air, and with respect to the ventilation of buildings, with respect to the drainage of buildings, to water-closets, earthclosets, privies, ashpits and cesspools in connexion with buildings, and to the temporary or permanent closing of buildings or parts of buildings unfit for human habitation, and to prohibition of their use for habitation. And they may further provide for the observance of such Rules by enacting therein provisions as to notices, as to the deposit of plans and sections of proposed buildings, as to architects, as to the superintendence of and responsibility for the proper construction of buildings, and as to inspection by the Council; and the Council may remove, alter or pull down any work begun or done in contravention of such Rules or of any Bye-law of the Council. Provided always that no such Rules shall come into operation until they have been submitted to the Land Commissioners for their opinion, though they shall not be subject to their veto, and until six months after publication."

Summary of Revenue for January.

Description	Estimate	1908			1907			1906		
		Number	Amount	Total from Jan. 1.	Number	Amount	Total from Jan. 1.	Number	Amount	Total from January 1.
	Tls.		Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.		Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.		Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
LAND TAX.....	683,520	—	—	—	—	398.77	—	—	30.65	—
GENERAL MUNICIPAL RATE—										
Foreign.....	666,000	—	820.02	—	—	92.50	—	—	112.80	—
Native.....	520,000	—	74,347.05	—	—	65,110.03	—	—	51,383.67	—
WHARFAGE DUES.....	175,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
LICENSE FEES—										
Foreign Hotel and Tavern..	6,500	18	1,153.75	—	22	1,357.75	—	25	1,468.75	—
Foreign Liquor Seller	18,500	111	4,433.34	—	117	4,626.66	—	107	4,266.67	—
Restaurant	4,700	37	1,110.00	—	40	1,200.00	—	44	1,320.00	—
Billiard and Bowling Saloon	700	22	156.00	—	22	162.00	—	26	168.00	—
Native Lodging-house	5,800	350	1,255.02	—	321	1,161.58	—	301	1,056.38	—
Native Wine-shop	9,500	312	1,005.07	—	499	1,359.20	—	660	1,749.26	—
Tea-shop	5,700	552	490.13	—	519	460.21	—	480	430.77	—
Foreign Theatre	1,200	19	255.00	—	9	118.00	—	10	63.00	—
Native Theatre	3,000	25	247.00	—	23	227.50	—	21	226.00	—
Pawn-shop	17,500	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Opium-shop	4,000	87	347.90	—	98	408.23	—	125	493.02	—
Opium-house	58,000	1,463	4,896.00	—	1,658	5,358.05	—	1,661	5,282.19	—
Cargo Boat	5,800	849	473.64	—	931	352.52	—	847	490.28	—
Ferry or Passenger Boat	1,100	55	80.96	—	64	93.95	—	64	92.16	—
Steam Launch.....	2,200	108	404.88	—	99	380.95	—	165	265.85	—
Native Boat.....	3,800	1,842	346.03	—	1,484	291.97	—	1,313	270.93	—
Sampan.....	1,600	227	166.85	—	320	234.95	—	228	164.40	—
Private-owned Pony and Carriage	14,000	P. 940 C. 794	2,443.22	—	P. 1037 C. 844	2,578.20	—	P. 782 C. 708	2,166.25	—
Livery Stable	25,000	P. 761 C. 589	2,292.30	—	P. 800 C. 632	2,448.92	—	P. 897 C. 719	2,707.33	—
Motor Car.....	2,100	96	407.13	—	63	260.17	—	32	138.48	—
Cart	17,000	1,611	2,498.33	—	1,286	1,734.89	—	1,264	1,953.70	—
Private-owned Ricscha	40,000	4,720	6,943.56	—	4,346	7,249.68	—	4,684	6,667.52	—
Public Ricscha	95,000	8,336	9,265.10	—	8,224	9,074.65	—	7,865	8,514.25	—
Sedan-chair	5,800	538	1,190.77	—	509	1,138.40	—	678	1,479.18	—
Wheel-barrow	37,000	7,933	3,365.28	—	8,196	3,486.09	—	6,245	2,697.02	—
Firearms	10,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dog	800	221	161.99	—	175	129.50	—	251	180.97	—
RENT OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTIES—										
Markets.....	35,000	2,789	3,040.04	—	2,330	2,462.46	—	2,177	2,298.27	—
Town Hall	1,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Firemen's Quarters.....	1,400	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cadastral Lot 168 C.	700	—	350.00	—	—	350.00	—	—	—	—
FROM PUBLIC COMPANIES—										
Gas Co., Ltd.....	6,000	—	—	—	—	441.53	—	—	—	—
Mutual Telephone Co., Ltd...	7,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Electric Construction Co., Ltd.	15,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total Tls.	2,429,920		123,946.36			114,749.31			98,137.75	

A. JOHNSFORD,
Overseer of Taxes.



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SUPPLEMENT TO THE NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS AND THE
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No. 10.

FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 1908.

NOTICE.

THE undersigned hereby give notice:—

(1) That a Public Meeting of Ratepayers will be held in the Town Hall on Friday, March 20, 1908, at 3 o'clock p.m., precisely, to devise ways and means of raising the requisite funds for Municipal purposes, and to pass resolutions in reference thereto and to deliberate and decide upon other Municipal matters and business. At such meeting the accounts of the Council for the year ending December 31, 1907, will be submitted for the sanction and approval of the Ratepayers.

(2) That a Special Meeting of Ratepayers will be held in the Town Hall immediately after the final adjournment of the Meeting above mentioned, to consider and approve for subsequent transmission to the Consular and Diplomatic Bodies a resolution providing for the amendment of Article XXX of the Land Regulations whereof notice was given in the "North-China Daily News" of September 19, 1907.

Shanghai, February 24, 1908.

D. Siffert,

Consul-General for Belgium.

C. Kleinenow,

Consul-General for Russia.

Pelham L. Warren,

H.B.M. Consul-General.

Oscar George Potier,

Consul-General for Portugal.

H. Eitaki,

Consul-General for Japan.

Thorvald Hansen,

Consul-General for Norway.

Paul von Buri,

Consul-General for Germany.

Richard Bagge,

Consul-General for Sweden.

S. Monaco,

Consul-General for Italy.

Chas. Denby,

Consul-General for the United States.

M. Dejean de la Bâtie,

Acting French Consul-General.

von Zeppelin Obermuller,

Consul-General for the Netherlands.

Mil. Kobr,

Vice-Consul in charge,

Austro-Hungarian Consulate-General.

T. Raaschou,

Consul for Denmark.

R. Seco,

Consul for Spain.

B. E. Vieta,

Acting Consul for Cuba.

I. Marti,

Consul for Mexico.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1896.

THE following motions will be brought forward by the Council at the Annual Meeting of Ratepayers to be held at the Town Hall on March 20, 1908, and are published for general information:—

Resolution I.—Occupancy of the Chair.

Resolution II.—Appointment of a Secretary to the Meeting.

Resolution III.—Adoption of certain rules of procedure for use at the meeting.

Resolution IV.—That the Report and Accounts for the year ending December 31, 1907 be passed.

Resolution V.—That the Council be hereby authorised from time to time to arrange for the assessment of any unassessed buildings and for the revision of all or any assessments of buildings for the time being in force, whether the buildings assessed are under lease or not, provision upon the lines usually recognised in connexion with appeals against assessments of land, being made for the hearing by the Finance Committee of appeals against any such assessment, or reassessment.

Resolution VI.—That the number of licensed opium houses be reduced by one quarter from July 1, 1908, or from such other early date and in such manner as may appear advisable to the Council for 1908/9.

Resolution VII.—That the estimated expenditure in the Municipal Budget for the year commencing January 1, 1908, and ending December 31, 1908, as proposed by the retiring Council, together with the recommendations attached thereto, be approved and adopted, and that the Council be hereby authorised to impose, collect and recover the rates, taxes, dues and fees recommended therein, and to raise, should it be considered expedient to do so, a sum not exceeding Tls. 400,000 (four hundred thousand taels), by the issue of debentures redeemable in not less than five and not more than twenty years from date of issue and bearing interest at a rate not exceeding six per centum per annum, for the purpose defined in the estimate of Extraordinary Expenditure.

Resolution VIII.—That the Council be hereby authorised to amend the rules relating to the Public School, which received the Ratepayers' sanction in 1893, in conformity with the minutes of

the School Committee published in the "North China Daily News," of October 24, 1907.

Resolution IX.—That the Council be hereby authorised to raise upon the lines specified in Resolution VII a loan not exceeding Tls. 250,000 (two hundred and fifty thousand taels) for the purchase and erection of additional electrical plant.

Resolution X.—Election of Land Commissioner for the ensuing year.

Resolution XI.—Election of four Governors of the General Hospital for the ensuing year.

Ratepayers desirous of bringing forward additional motions or of nominating duly qualified persons willing to serve under Resolutions X and XI are required to give notice thereof to the undersigned before 4 p.m. on March 16, for due publication.

The following motion will be brought forward by the Council at the Special Meeting to be held immediately after the final adjournment of the Meeting above mentioned:—

Resolution.—That the proposed amendment of Article XXX of the Land Regulations relating to the Registration of Architects, as published in the "North-China Daily News," of September 19, 1907, be passed and approved.

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,

Secretary.

Council Room,

Shanghai, March 9, 1908.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1898.

Bund Pontoons and Jetties.

NOTICE is hereby given that from and after this date the new landing stage north of the Customs pontoons will be open exclusively for passenger traffic, while the use of the remainder of the jetties and pontoons between the Soochow Creek and Yangkingpang will be confined to the landing and shipping of cargo.

The particular attention of the owners of mail-tenders, launches and cargo boats is drawn to this regulation which, it has been agreed, will be enforced by the River and Municipal Police.

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,

Secretary.

Council Room,

Shanghai, March 10, 1908.

THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, March 4, 1908, at 4.30 p.m., there are present :

Messrs. D. Landale (*Chairman*)

A. W. Burkill

W. D. Little

A. D. Lowe

J. H. McMichael

O. Meuser

J. Prentice

The Secretary and
Assistant Secretary.

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Police.

Foreign Branch.—Nine months' leave is granted to Sub-Inspector Helyer from May 10, and to Sergeant Wheeler from May 12.

Watch Club.—Arising out of an application by Mr. H. J. Black to the Crown Advocate for the return of certain property of the Shanghai Watch Club retained by the Police during the prosecution of Mr. I. Thomas, the Council decides that, in the face of the latter's acquittal, the Police cannot do otherwise than restore this property to its owner. On the strength, however, of certain other representations, it is directed that clubs of this character be considered to be lotteries within the meaning of Byelaw XXXIV. Due notice to this effect will therefore be conveyed to the managers of all such clubs within Settlement limits, who, should they continue their operations, will be prosecuted under summons.

Opium Licences.

The following further correspondence on this subject is ordered for publication:—

Shanghai, March 3, 1908.

SIR,—I have to thank you for the letter of Feb. 29 sent in reply to the resolution forwarded from this committee concerning the abolition of the system of licensing opium houses in the settlement, in which the Council draws attention to the difficulties of administration consequent upon the closing of these houses, and further states that the Council is prepared to recommend to the ratepayers a reduction during this year of one quarter in the number of opium licences. In reply to this I am instructed to ask if it may be understood that this reduction of one quarter, from, say, the 1st of July 1908, is to be the first of a series of consecutive reductions of 25 per cent which the Council intends to recommend? Should the Council see its way to announce to the ratepayers that this reduction is the first in a series of similar reductions to take effect in four consecutive periods of six

months, effectively dealing with the whole of the licences within a period of two years from the date of its inception, then this committee, realizing that administrative difficulties call for time for readjustment and settlement, expresses its belief that such action on the part of the Council would find favour and support among that large section of the ratepayers and community of Shanghai which earnestly desires to co-operate with the British and Chinese governments in their efforts to accomplish the Opium reform. At the same time, this committee would urge upon the Council the policy of accelerating the closing of these houses with a view to the entire abolition of the opium habit from Shanghai, should administrative difficulties prove of easier solution than now seems possible.

I beg to remain, Sir,

Your obedient servant.

W. NELSON BITTON

Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Shanghai Missionary Association.

W. E. LEVESON, ESQ.,

Secretary, Municipal Council.

Council Room.

Shanghai, March 5, 1908.

SIR,—In reply to your letter of March 3, in respect to the reduction of opium licenses, I am directed to inform you that the diminution of 25 per cent from July 1, is proposed as a genuine part of a programme of periodic reductions to extend over a period of two years. While the Council is unwilling to bind its successors in office explicitly to any course of action, or to tie their hands in a matter so closely affecting the administration of the Settlement, the course which your Committee sketches will doubtless be followed, and possibly accelerated, if the present policy of the Chinese Government with respect to opium is consistently maintained and effect given thereto. In the Council's opinion these considerations must govern all suppressive action against opium houses in the Settlement.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. E. LEVESON.

Secretary.

The Rev. W. N. BITTON,

*Chairman of the Executive Committee,
The Shanghai Missionary Association.*

Shanghai, March 7, 1908.

SIR.—In reply to your letter of March 5, I am instructed by this Committee to express their sense of gratification at the announcement made therein on behalf of the Council that the reduction of 25 per cent in the number of opium licences proposed from July 1st is part of a programme of periodic reduction to extend over a period of two years. It is also glad to know that there is a possibility that this course may be accelerated should favourable conditions continue.

At the same time, my Committee, being chiefly concerned with the abolition of the opium habit from the moral standpoint, wishes it to be understood that they are unable to commit themselves to the approval of any such reform on the part of the Shanghai Municipal Council being made conditional upon the attitude of the Chinese Government or its officials. They desire to see this reform accomplished as speedily and effectively as possible for its own sake and also for the good name of this settlement.

I have to thank you for the kind consideration which the Council has given to the views of this Committee.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. NELSON BITTON.

Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Shanghai Missionary Association.

W. E. LEVESON ESQ.,

Secretary Municipal Council.

Health Department.

House Refuse Removal.—The Health Officer's proposals with respect to the expiry of the contract for the removal of house refuse by boats are adopted.

A notification has accordingly been issued in the native press as follows:—

Notice is hereby given that the Council calls for tenders for the removal by boats of house refuse from the whole or part of the Settlement beginning on May 1 next (2nd day of the 4th moon). The Council will bring the house refuse to the boats and will provide coolies for loading and unloading the boats. The Contractor will be required to provide a sufficient number of boats according to the season. The contractor will also provide depôts outside the Settlement. The contractor will have the privilege of selling house refuse at the shoots to the country boats to be used for agricultural purposes, 25 per cent of the proceeds reverting to the Council. Tenders must be sent in not later than March 17, (15th day of the 2nd moon) stating the price per ton at which they are prepared to land house refuse at the depôts. One ton is taken as equivalent to 40 cubic feet of house refuse, allowing 25 per cent for shrinkage at the depôt between the time that the house refuse is deposited and the monthly measurements.

Further information can be obtained from the Health Officer at 11 a.m. daily.

Fire Brigade.

The Acting Secretary of the Fire Commission notifies the Council of the election of Mr. F. C. Flack to be Foreman of the Hongkew Company (No. 2,) and Mr. A. H. Fenton to be Foreman of the Victoria Company (No. 7), as from February 7. These appointments are duly confirmed.

House Assessment.

Case of Messrs Kuhn and Komor.—A memorandum by the Legal Adviser, as furnished to the Austrian Consular Court, is submitted, in respect to the interpretation of the recent judgment in this case. It is noted that, owing to the death of the Consul-General no settlement of the matter may be expected at present.

Municipal Properties.

Hongkew Recreation Ground.—A letter from the Recreation Fund Trustees is read, proposing that the balance of cost of raising this Ground and turfing the portion already raised, which work was deferred upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee until next year, be carried out forthwith. To this end the Trustees are prepared to permit so much of the Special Loan due for repayment on March 31 as will be required, viz., Tls. 10,000, to remain in the Council's hands for a further period of one year. Acceptance of the offer is authorised, and it is decided to convey an expression of the Council's thanks to the Trustees for the facilities offered.

Garden Bridge.

With reference to Messrs. Howarth Erskine's alternative tender, accepted in August last, in respect to the treatment of the cofferdams round the foundations of the centre pier and south abutment, it is decided that the work be completed on the basis of the second alternative, which provided for removal of the outer row of piles: the sawing off of the inner row at low water mark; and driving them to mud level, for the sum of Tls. 6,600. Acceptance is further authorised of this firm's additional tender to perform, for a sum of Tls. 850, the extra work of driving the inner row of piles to a depth of 6½ feet below Customs zero, as indicated by the Harbour Authorities. It is noted that the consensus of expert opinion favours retention of the inner row of piles since this measure, though not indispensable, is by way of additional precaution.

Road Extensions and Widening.

Road Names.—The Council approves the re-naming of the Scott and East Scott Roads respectively the Yalu and East Yalu Roads.

Extension No. 26, Western District, now in process of acquisition will receive the name Mokanshan Road.

Wood-paving.—A report and plan by the Engineer is submitted, recommending the paving of the crossing at the Nanking and Chekiang Roads, with Jarrah wood blocks, at an estimated cost of Tls. 4,528. The network of rails at this point will, in his opinion, constitute a serious inconvenience to traffic unless this step is taken, and the proposal is accordingly approved.

Electricity Department.

The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity Committee of February 27, are read and confirmed. There were present:—

Messrs. E. C. Pearce (*Chairman*).
J. Grant Mackenzie
H. W. Pilcher
The Electrical Engineer and
The Secretary.

The following are ordered for publication:—

Accounts.—Revenue Account and Balance Sheet for 1907 are submitted and approved. The net profit for the year amounts to Tls. 38,620, a result which, in the Committee's opinion, is regarded as highly satisfactory. In presenting the same for publication it is decided to show the Land at its new assessed value, and the Committee's fees as a separate item of Management Expenses.

The estimates for 1908 are also submitted and approved, containing a programme of capital expenditure amounting to Tls. 404,300. After allowing for liquid assets, a loan of Tls. 250,000 will be involved, and the Committee recommends that this sum be proposed for the Ratepayers sanction.

Noting that this Budget is presented in a form suitable for comparison with the subsequent Revenue Account, and thereby does not show employees' salaries and certain other details, it is decided to add these particulars in the form of a footnote.

Tenders

The following are authorised for acceptance:—

900 yards of Vulcanised bitumen sheathed cable for the Electricity Department, Messrs. Brighton, Malcolm & Co. £281, c.i.f. Shanghai and inclusive of duty.

Setting back wall at the corner of Seward and Minghong Roads, Lot 1058 N. Chun Sung Kee, Tls. 334.

Supply of turf for the year 1908, Koo Ah Dong, Public Gardens, Bund and Soochow Creek Foreshores Tls. 0.70 per fong; Central District Tls. 0.73 per fong; Hongkew Tls. 0.76 per fong.

The meeting adjourns at 6.35 p.m.

The following documents are forwarded for publication with the foregoing minutes:—

Health Department.**Notification of Infectious Disease.**

The following have been reported during the week ending Sunday, March 8, 1908.	Deaths among Chinese population of 530,000.	Cases notified among Non-Chinese population of 14,500.
Small-pox.	6	2
Cholera.	0	0
Typhoid Fever.	0	0
Diphtheria.	2	0
Scarlet Fever.	1	0
Tuberculosis	26	0
Total Deaths from all Causes	153	2

ARTHUR STANLEY,
Health Officer

Fire Brigade.**CHIEF ENGINEER'S REPORT FOR 1907.**

I beg to submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 1907:—

The total calls on the Brigade for 1907 number 211; made up of 182 bell and 23 telephone; 6 messenger calls.

Compared with the preceding year an increase of 62 bell and 2 telephone and a decrease of one messenger call; total increase 68 calls.

The fires, as per record sheet, have been classed "large," "medium," "small" and "false." Large fires taxed the full strength of the Brigade, and included the fires at the Central Hotel Annex, the Foochow Road fire opposite the Central Police Station, and two fires in the Chinese City at which a portion of the Brigade attended by special request of the Chinese authorities. The Central Hotel fire was the most serious, and the Brigade experienced considerable difficulty at this fire.

The Nanking Road entrance to the building was at that time in the hands of the Tramway Co., and it was only after considerable time and difficulty that an escape could be brought into action at the front of the Hotel. Further, the Brigade was busily engaged at the time, at a hot fire in the Sinza district when the alarm was given, and consequently was not able to give its full strength and attention, and also lost some valuable time in arriving on the scene, owing to the distance.

Fires classed "medium" were of the average experienced in Shanghai, and were mostly in the usual Chinese shop and dwelling buildings.

Small fires required the service of only one or two streams, and in some cases were extinguished by the inmates or Police before the arrival of the Brigade.

The fire calls to Pootung only numbered four, and in no instance were of a serious nature. During the year the shipping on the river did not require the services of the Brigade.

A new light ladder waggon has been added to the equipment, and is stationed in the Hongkew district. The ladders are of the light scaling type, and are intended principally for use at fires in the Chinese districts.

The annual parade of the Brigade and competition for the Fire Insurance Co.'s Challenge Shield was held on April 27, and the shield was won this year by the Mih-Ho-Loong Hook and Ladder Co.

Early in the year the ponies detailed for the use in the Deluge Co.'s engine were sold by auction and a pair of horses purchased to replace them. The Brigade, at the end of the year, had six horses in service, and the experience so far has justified the extra expenditure. China ponies are not strong or heavy enough for long gallops with fire engines, and the slight increase in maintenance is easily com-

pensated for in the efficiency gained by their use.

A steam motor 800 gallon fire engine and an eighty-foot petrol motor turntable fire escape was ordered from Messrs. Merryweather & Sons in the spring. They have not yet arrived, but are expected here shortly. The addition of these two up-to-date machines should prove of great benefit to the service.

The Brigade deeply deplores the death of Mr. A. E. Jones, Acting Secretary of the Fire Commission, and desires to take this opportunity of recording its sympathy with his bereaved family.

Attached are lists of the personnel, stud and equipment together with the fire record for the year.

G. S. V. BIDWELL,
Chief Engineer.

PERSONNEL, DECEMBER 31, 1907.

Volunteers.

Chief Engineer—G. S. V. Bidwell.

Mih-Ho-Loong Co. (No. 1)—3 Officers and 12 Firemen.

Hongkew Co. (No. 2)—3 Officers and 3 Firemen.

Deluge Co. (No. 4)—3 Officers and 17 Firemen.

Le Torrent Co. (No. 6)—3 Officers and 12 Firemen.

Victoria Co. (No. 7)—3 Officers and 6 Firemen.

Total 16 Officers and 55 Firemen.

Paid Staff.

Departmental Engineer, H. D. Parkhill.

Central Bell Tower.....3 Watchmen

Hongkew Bell Tower...3 ..

TOTAL NUMBER OF FOREIGNERS 7.

Five Stations.—

Engineers and No. 1	7
Stokers and No. 2	6
Van coolie	1
Watchmen	2
Coolie corps	6
Mafoos	28
Chauffeurs	2

Fire Float.—

Engine-room...	2
Deck hands	2

Work Shop.—

Fitters	3
Blacksmiths and strikers	12
Office boy	1

Total Number of Natives... 72

G. S. V. BIDWELL,
Chief Engineer.

EQUIPMENT, DECEMBER 31, 1908.

CENTRAL FIRE STATION, HONAN ROAD (Mih-Ho-Loong and Deluge Co.)—

Steam Fire Engine...	1
Petrol Motor Chemical Engine and Escape	1
Long Hook and Ladder Truck...	1
Small Hook and Ladder Truck (spare)	1
Hand Fire Escape	1
Pony Hose Reels	4
Hand Hose Reels (Coolie Corps)	1
Coffee Van	1
2½-in. Hose	2,750 feet

HONGKEW FIRE STATION, HANBURY ROAD (Mih-Ho-Loong and Hongkew Co.)—

Steam Fire Engine	1
Long Hook and Ladder Truck (spare)	1
Small Hook and Ladder Truck	1
Hand Fire Escape	1
Pony Hose Reels	3
2½-in. Hose	1,500 feet

VICTORIA FIRE STATION, SOOCHOW ROAD (Victoria Co.)—

Steam Fire Engine	1
Pony Hose Reels	2
2½-in. Hose	1,000 feet

FRENCH FIRE STATION, RUE DU CONSULAT (Le Torrent Co.)—

Steam Fire Engine... ..	1
Pony Hose Reels	3
2½-in. Hose	1,500 feet

AVENUE ROAD FIRE STATION—(Deluge and Victoria Co.)—

Pony Hose Reels	2
2½-in. Hose	1,000 feet

NANKING ROAD PONTOON.—

Steam Fire Float	1
2½-in. Hose	1,300 feet

BRIGADE WORK SHOP, SCOTT ROAD.—

Steam Fire Engine (spare)	1
Pony Hose Reel (")	1
Pony Hose Waggon (building)	1
New Hose in Stock...	3,400 feet

SUMMARY.—

Steam Fire Engines (in service)	4
Steam Fire Engine (spare)	1
Steam Fire Float	1
Petrol Motor Chemical Engine and Escape ...	1
Long Hook and Ladder Truck (in service) ...	1
Long Hook and Ladder Truck (spare)	1
Small Hook and Ladder (in service)	1
Small Hook and Ladder Truck (spare)	1
Pony Hose Reels (in service)	14
Pony Hose Reels (spare)...	1
Hand Hose Reel	1
Coffee Van	1
2½-in. Hose (in service)	9,050 feet
2½-in. Hose (in stock)	3,400 feet
Pony Hose Waggon (building)	1

STABLES.—

Horses	6
Ponies	22
Sets of harness...	29

G. S. V. BIDWELL

Chief Engineer.

FIRE RECORD FOR 1907.

(1). Total Calls in the Fire Department Districts: 211.

Calls	No. 1	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	No. 5	No. 6	No. 7	No. 8	Outside Limits.	Total.
Bell	22	25	27	39	17	25	20	1	6	182
Telephone ...	3	5	1	4	—	1	3	3	3	23
Messenger...	1	—	1	—	2	—	—	—	2	6
Total...	26	30	29	43	19	26	23	4	11	211

(2). Total Calls in Municipal Districts: 211.

Calls	Eastern.	Northern.	Central.	Western.	Pootung.	River and Outside Pootung.	False.	Outside Limits.	Total.
Bell	18	29	66	20	42	1	6	6	182
Telephone...	3	5	5	3	1	3	3	3	23
Messenger...	—	1	1	—	2	—	2	2	6
Total...	21	35	72	23	45	4	11	11	211

(3). Class of Buildings.

Districts.	Chinese.	Foreign.	Semi-Foreign.	Pootung.	False.	Total.
Inside Limits.....	168	20	5	4	3	200
Outside "	11	—	—	—	—	11
Total...	179	20	5	4	3	221

(4). Class of Fire.

Districts.	Large.	Medium.	Small.	False.	Total.
Inside Limits.....	8	75	115	3	200
Outside "	3	5	—	—	11
Total...	11	80	115	3	211

G. S. V. BIDWELL,

Chief Engineer.

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No. 11.

FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 1908.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1892.

FOREIGN HOTEL OR TAVERN LICENCES.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Watch Committee will sit on Friday, March 27, 1908, to decide upon the number and locality of foreign hotels and taverns to be licensed during the ensuing year.

Applicants for new licences are required to fill up the usual form, which may be obtained on application to the Tax Office, before March 1.

Thereafter, by public notification, an opportunity will be afforded to ratepayers to protest against or support before the Committee the issue or renewal of any licence.

No fresh licences will be issued during the twelve months ensuing after April 1, 1908, and until the next annual sitting of the Committee.

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,

Secretary.

Council Room,

Shanghai, February 15, 1908.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1900.

HOTELS AND RESTAURANTS.

REFERRING to Notification No. 1892 notice is hereby given that applications have been made to the Council for the following new Hotel and Restaurant licences for the ensuing Municipal year:—

Name of Applicant.	Address.
HOTELS AND TAVERNS.	
D. Abramovitch	*to 38-39 Broadway
C. A. Biddle.....	H240 "
M. Goldstein	4-5 Nanjing Road.
L. Horenstein	20 Boone Road.
Y. Kobayashi	10 Boone Road.
Rokusaburo Shiraishi	K264 "
M. Sugihara	KK 12 Market Road.
RESTAURANTS.	
T. Freeman	FA 3 Yu Yuen Road.
Otamatsu Fukai	C1447 Woosung Road.
Ai Fukui	O191 Chapoo Road.
F. Johnson	H130 Nanjing Road.
Y. Masuda	10 Boone Road.
J. Nakamura	K140 " "
Kichitaro Osaki	K5 " "
Toyosaburo Sasaki	13 Chapoo Road.
M. Ikegami	E170 Woochang Road.
C. Wiendrich	42 Broadway
Seichi Yoshinaga.....	5A & 5B Minghong Road.

* Transfer from H. 14 Boone Road.

The public is reminded that protests against the issue of these licences or against the renewal of any existing licences will be heard by a Committee of the Council sitting in the Municipal Board Room at 4.30 p.m. on March 27, 1908.

It is requested that notice of such protests be given in writing to the undersigned.

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,

Secretary.

Council Room,

Shanghai, March 16, 1908.

NOTICE.

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Shanghai, February 24, 1908.

D. Siffert,

Consul-General for Belgium.

C. Kleimenow,

Consul-General for Russia.

Pelham L. Warren,

H.B.M. Consul-General.

Oscar George Potier,

Consul-General for Portugal

H. Eitaki,

Consul-General for Japan.

Thorvald Hansen,

Consul-General for Norway.

Paul von Buri,

Consul-General for Germany.

Richard Bagge,

Consul-General for Sweden.

S. Monaco,

Consul-General for Italy.

Chas. Denby,

Consul-General for the United States.

M. Dejean de la Bâtie,
Acting French Consul-General.
von Zeppelin Obermuller,
Consul-General for the Netherlands.

Mil. Kobr,
Vice-Consul in-charge,
Austro-Hungarian Consulate-General.

T. Raaschou,
Consul for Denmark.

R. Seco,
Consul for Spain.

B. E. Vieta,
Acting Consul for Cuba.

I. Marti,
Consul for Mexico.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1896.

THE following motions will be brought forward by the Council at the Annual Meeting of Ratepayers to be held at the Town Hall on March 20, 1908, and are published for general information:—

Resolution I.—Occupancy of the Chair.

Resolution II.—Appointment of a Secretary to the Meeting.

Resolution III.—Adoption of certain rules of procedure for use at the meeting.

Resolution IV.—That the Report and Accounts for the year ending December 31, 1907 be passed.

Resolution V.—That the Council be hereby authorised from time to time to arrange for the assessment of any unassessed buildings and for the revision of all or any assessments of buildings for the time being in force, whether the buildings assessed are under lease or not, provision upon the lines usually recognised in connexion with appeals against assessments of land, being made for the hearing by the Finance Committee of appeals against any such assessment, or reassessment.

Resolution VI.—That the number of licensed opium houses be reduced by one quarter from July 1, 1908, or from such other early date and in such manner as may appear advisable to the Council for 1908/9.

Resolution VII.—That the estimated expenditure in the Municipal Budget for the year commencing January 1, 1908, and ending December 31, 1908, as proposed by the retiring Council, together with the recommendations attached thereto, be approved and adopted, and that the Council be hereby

authorised to impose, collect and recover the rates, taxes, dues and fees recommended therein, and to raise, should it be considered expedient to do so, a sum not exceeding Tls. 400,000 (four hundred thousand taels), by the issue of debentures redeemable in not less than five and not more than twenty years from date of issue and bearing interest at a rate not exceeding six per centum per annum, for the purpose defined in the estimate of Extraordinary Expenditure.

Resolution VIII.—That the Council be hereby authorised to amend the rules relating to the Public School, which received the Ratepayers' sanction in 1893, in conformity with the minutes of the School Committee published in the "North China Daily News," of October 24, 1907.

Resolution IX.—That the Council be hereby authorised to raise upon the lines specified in Resolution VII a loan not exceeding Tls. 250,000 (two hundred and fifty thousand taels) for the purchase and erection of additional electrical plant.

Resolution X.—*Election of Land Commissioner for the ensuing year.*

Resolution XI.—*Election of four Governors of the General Hospital for the ensuing year.*

Ratepayers desirous of bringing forward additional motions or of nominating duly qualified persons willing to serve under Resolutions X and XI are required to give notice thereof to the undersigned before 4 p.m. on March 16 for due publication.

The following motion will be brought forward by the Council at the Special Meeting to be held immediately after the final adjournment of the Meeting above mentioned:—

Resolution.—That the proposed amendment of Article XXX of the Land Regulations relating to the Registration of Architects, as published in the "North-China Daily News," of September 19, 1907, be passed and approved.

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,

Secretary.

Council Room,

Shanghai, March 9, 1908.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1901.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS.

NOTICE is hereby given that, in addition to the motions to be brought forward by the Council—as already published—the following will be proposed at the Annual Meeting of Ratepayers on March 20:—

BY RATEPAYERS.

Resolution XII.—That the Council be hereby instructed to examine into the circumstances by which Mr. W. T. Evans was occasioned grievous loss in his business owing to the closing of the Garden Bridge for such a long period, and to make such compensation as they deem right and just.

Resolution XIII.—That at meetings of the Council, the reporters of the foreign press shall be free to attend, withdrawing when, in the opinion of the Council, it is in the public interest that special business shall not be reported.

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,

Secretary.

Council Room,

Shanghai, March 17, 1908.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1902.

NOTICE is hereby given that voting tickets have been forwarded to Ratepayers entitled to vote at the forthcoming Annual and Special Meetings. Any such Ratepayer not having received his ticket is requested to be good enough to communicate with the undersigned as soon as possible.

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,

Secretary.

Council Room,

Shanghai, March 18, 1908.

THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, March 11, 1908, at 4.30 p.m., there are present:

Messrs. D. Landale (*Chairman*)

A. W. Burkill

W. D. Little

A. D. Lowe

J. H. McMichael

O. Meuser

J. Prentice

The Secretary and

Assistant Secretary.

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Mr. J. L. Scott.

A letter addressed by the Chairman to Mr. Scott and his reply are read and ordered for publication:—

Council Room,

Shanghai, March 9, 1908.

SIR,—Upon learning of your approaching departure from China the Council is reminded of the great services which you have rendered to the Shanghai Community during the past sixteen years. In particular it is recalled that for five years you were identified with the Council's work, during four of which you were its Chairman. The present members have before them a list of the projects and public works with the execution of which your name is closely connected, and while refraining from alluding to these singly, the Council is deeply sensible that an expression of real appreciation is due, and should be communicated to you.

I should regard the omission to voice these sentiments on your departure as equal to the neglect of a public duty, and I trust that this slight mark of what is felt upon the subject will not prove unacceptable.

Concluding, I feel confident that I speak in the name of the Community when I assure Mrs. Scott and yourself that you leave Shanghai with the good wishes of the Settlement and to its sincere regret.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

DAVID LANDALE,

Chairman.

J. L. SCOTT, Esq.

Shanghai, March 11, 1908.

DEAR SIR,—I need hardly say with what surprise and gratification I have received your letter of the 9th instant nor how deeply touched I felt by the kind thought that prompted the expression of so much goodwill on the part of your goodness and your colleagues. It is with much regret that I am compelled to say goodbye to the place in which the greater part of my life has been spent, and perhaps the years of most interest to me were those in which I had a share in the government of the Settlement, about which you have written so kindly. I have always taken, and shall always continue to take the deepest interest in the welfare of Shanghai, the prosperity of which is, in my opinion, so largely due to its form of government.

I would like to say in conclusion, what great pleasure it gives me to see my wife's name included in your good wishes, and how much we both appreciate your kind letter.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

JAMES L. SCOTT.

DAVID LANDALE, Esq.,

Chairman, Municipal Council.

Volunteers.

Staff.—Upon the recommendation of the Commandant, a commission is authorised for issue to the Rev. R. G. Winning as Assistant Chaplain.

A report by the Commandant is submitted proposing the engagement of an additional non-commissioned officer for the adequate performance of the duties connected with the training of recruits, care of arms, clothing, etc., and office work. His proposal adopted.

12 Bore Company.—The resignation of Honorary 2nd Lieutenant G. H. Potts is received and recorded.

Artillery.—The resignation of Capt. F. H. Crossley is received and recorded.

Police

Foreign Branch.—Sergeant Bookless is dismissed the Force from March 12 for insubordination.

The resignation of P. C. Peck is accepted with effect from March 12.

Sikh Gurdwara.—As a result of an application for additional outhouses and fittings, a statement of the outstanding amounts payable in connexion with this building is submitted, aggregating Tls. 5,959, inclusive of the cost of the foregoing, while the sum remaining at the credit of the subscribed fund is no more than Tls. 4,763. The Council, while authorising the extra work to be performed, directs that a sustained effort be made to collect the balance from the Sikh community.

A note from the Captain-Superintendent alludes to the advisability of increasing the site of this building by including therein the whole of the creek forming its eastern boundary, and this additional purchase is authorised.

Yarn Lotteries.—The attention of the Council has been drawn to a note in the Yarn Market Report contained in the "North-China Daily News" of March 5, wherein it is stated that the Japan spinners have devised a plan for issuing a lottery ticket with each bale of yarn sold. The Council would regard this practice as a breach of the regulations prohibiting the sale of lottery tickets in the Settlement, and directs in the first place that Police enquiries be prosecuted in the matter.

Piracies on the Yangtze.—The Senior Consul forwards three letters from the Taotai in respect to the efforts of the Native Authorities to detect and identify robbers in hiding in steamers and on wharves. The correspondence with reply as decided is ordered for publication:—

Shanghai, March 3, 1908.

SIR,—Herewith I have the honour to forward for your consideration copy and translation of three letters from the Taotai suggesting certain police measures against robbers and rebels and asking for the assistance of the Municipal police.

I remain, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

D. SIFFERT,

Consul-General for Belgium
and Senior Consul.

D. LANDALE, Esq.

Chairman, Municipal Council.

Translation of letter from the Taotai to the Senior Consul, dated February 21, 1908.

With reference to my former communication to you on the subject of the purchase of arms, and robberies of steam launches, wherein I requested you to give orders to the Municipal Council to select a detective to co-operate in detective measures at the steam launch landing places, while directions would be given by the head Police Bureau to the detective corps to watch secretly both within and without the Settlement; I have now to inform you that I am in receipt of telegraphic directions from the Southern Commissioner of Trade to the effect that though the military

of either province have been ordered to co-operate in exterminating and out-rooting bad characters as a result of their daring conduct, yet since these offenders have been bold enough to rob steam launches on inland waters, directions must not be omitted in respect to steamers on the Yangtze. He continues to state, that the hidden conspiracies, of these ruffians are kept entirely secret and they frequently represent themselves as passengers, and buying tickets, board steamers at different ports en route one by one. Formally in Hupeh, the military were deputed to act as secret police, patrolling points where passengers board or land, and when traces of these bad characters were found, they forthwith acquainted the civil and military officials at all points in order that they might be captured, and by this method some results were attained. He therefore gives directions that suitable officials and military should be detailed, accompanied by soldiers who know the offenders, either to be stationed at the various wharves or to board steamers and keep watch en route, taking special note and making investigations when passengers board the vessel; and if there is evidence of the presence of bad characters, or the secret transport of arms, forthwith to effect the necessary arrests and escort the prisoners to be dealt with.

While therefore sending soldiers to board steamers and keep watch, and discussing the matter with the various Steamship Companies, I now propose to depute the detective corps of the Police Bureau to proceed to the river steamer wharves and to keep careful watch. If bad characters are found mingled with the passengers, these detectives will inform the police at once so that they may cooperate in the arrest, and escort the accused before the Authorities for punishment. This matter is of importance for the preservation of good order on the Yangtze River route. I therefore address this letter to you requesting you kindly to note and accordingly give directions to the Municipal Council to comply and to order the detectives to give mutual assistance, thus conferring a public benefit.

Translation of letter from the Taotai to the Senior Consul dated February 28, 1908.

With reference to the directions which I have received as to the policing of river steamer wharves for the capture of robbers, my proposal to depute the detectives of the Head Police Bureau to make careful investigations as occasion arises and inform the police in order that they may cooperate in arrests, has already been communicated to you in my letter of February 21, wherein I requested you to give orders to the Municipal Council to comply and to order detectives to give assistance.

I am now in receipt of a further communication from the Viceroy urging action and have therefore again to address a letter to you requesting you speedily to take note, and give directions

for compliance in accordance with my former letter. I await the favour of a reply.

Translation of letter from the Taotai to the Senior Consul dated March 4, 1908.

I have to inform you that the places known as Kaochang Miao, Lunghua and Pootung are frequented by ruffians, and that I have already addressed a petition to the Southern Commissioner of Trade and have received his instructions as to deputing Su Hsu-mow, a Major, to act as Captain Superintendent of the Western Road, which, however, is closely contiguous to the Settlement. Since therefore it is necessary to provide against their taking refuge in the Settlement or against conspiracy to purchase arms therein, it is proposed that Major Su shall follow them and as occasion arises, discuss action with the Mixed Court Deputy for co-operative action. By this means it is hoped that these robbers will have no place of refuge, and local peace and good order can be guaranteed. I have therefore to address this letter to you and request you to give directions to the Municipal Council to take note and make arrangements accordingly, and hope also that a license may be made out and handed to him to hold as a proof. With compliments.

Council Room,

Shanghai, March 12, 1908

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of March 3, enclosing three communications from the Taotai in respect to cooperation by the Police with the native authorities beyond Settlement limits in the work of arresting pirates and other evildoers in this Province.

In reply thereto I have the honour to state that the detective efforts of the Police Force to this end are continuous so far as the Settlement is concerned, and that, as heretofore, assistance will be rendered to the Authorities in respect to the districts adjoining.

At the same time it would be well to observe that no interference in the work of the Force can be permitted either on the wharves or elsewhere within the Settlement. In respect to the suggested consultation between the special official appointed by the Viceroy and the Mixed Court Magistrate, it would also appear desirable to point out that the latter has no part in the executive administration of the Settlement, and is therefore unable to take action in the manner suggested.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

DAVID LANDALE,

Chairman

D. SIFFERT, Esq.

Consul General for Belgium
and Senior Consul.

Woochang Road Jetty.

The following correspondence in continuation of that published in the *Municipal Gazette* of February 21, with reply as decided, is ordered for publication:—

Shanghai, February 14, 1908.

DEAR SIR,—We beg to acknowledge the receipt of your favour of the 12th inst. in reply to our respects of January 15, and are surprised to learn that:—

“Careful inspection of the foreshore in the neighbourhood has disclosed the fact that it will be practically impossible to maintain a serviceable pontoon opposite the Tiendong Road.....pontoon in the proposed new position will be constantly out of use during the dredging operations and the serious inconveniences to the public, etc.”

For your perusal however, we beg to enclose you copies of two letters, one from your goodself to Consul-General Eitaki, and the other from the Harbour Master to ourselves, from which you will see that there exists no objection either on the part of your Council or on the part of the Harbour Master to the removal of the Woochang Road Public Jetty from its present position to the end of the Tiendong Road extension.

On the strength of those letters, we have made a conclusive arrangement with the Japanese Government to purchase such part of Lot 1005 as required for the extension of the North Yangtze and Tiendong Roads,—in fact we have already made a part payment of the cost and the rest is to be paid whenever required by the Government. We understand that a plan for the new building of the Japanese Consulate is already drawn up and even the arrangement for the temporary office for the period of the construction of the new building is now being concluded.

Under the circumstances, it is quite impossible for us now to cancel the arrangements thus made, so we would ask that you would kindly reconsider the matter and allow us to set out the work as previously arranged. As far as we understand there is sufficient water in the new site if the public jetty be projected 7 or 8 feet further into the river, so constant dredging does not seem to be required.

In the meantime we beg to add that our respects of January 15, were to ask you that a width of the extension of the Tiendong Road be made 22 feet, same as that of the Tiendong Road or to make the width of the North Yangtze Road extension to 40 feet instead of 60 feet, so your reply to this will also greatly oblige us.

We are, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

Nippon Yusen Kaisha,

YOMEJIRO ITO

Manager.

The SECRETARY,
Municipal Council.

Enclosure I.

Council Room,
Shanghai, July 19, 1906.

DEAR MR. EITAKI,—With reference to your call at this office during last week, on the subject of the removal of the pontoon at the end of the Woochang Road to a new position at the end of a prolongation of the Tiendong Road, I am directed to state that the Council sees in this proposed change no public advantage. At the same time, if it is found to be in the interest of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, the Council is prepared to construct the new sections of the Tiendong and North Yangtze Roads, provided the whole of the cost involved, together with the subsequent annual additional cost of dredging, which would be necessitated, is borne by those concerned.

Yours faithfully,

W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Enclosure II.

Shanghai, December 21, 1906.

DEAR SIR,—I am in receipt of your letter of yesterday's date requesting information re the depth of water off the Japanese Consulate, etc., and whether, in the event of the Woochang Road Jetty being shifted to the upper end of the Japanese Consulate property, there would be any objection on the part of this office to your upper pontoon being shifted 70 feet upwards, and in reply, have to refer you to my letter to the Engineer of the Municipal Council dated July 14 last on the subject of shifting the Woochang Road jetty, a copy of which is forwarded herewith for your information, and which gives the necessary information as regards the depth of water, etc., and if you communicate with Mr. Mayne he will, without doubt, furnish you with a plan shewing the proposed new site of the jetty.

In the event of the Woochang Road jetty being shifted, there would be no objection on the part of this office to your upper pontoon being shifted 70 feet further upwards as proposed. This, however, must form the subject of further correspondence after the Woochang Road Jetty shall have been shifted.

I am, Dear Sirs,

Yours faithfully,

WM. CARLSON,
Harbourmaster.

THE NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Enclosure III

Shanghai, July 14, 1906.

DEAR SIR,—I am in receipt of your letter dated the 12th inst. wherein you request to be informed whether in the event of the Council deciding to extend the North Yangtze and Tiendong Roads, as shown on the plan accompanying your letter, there would be any objection on the part of this Office to the Public Jetty now in place off the

Woochang Road being removed to a point 160 feet west thereof, and in reply, have to state that if the Municipal Council considers that the public will be equally well served by the shifting of the Woochang Road Jetty and pontoon to the position shown on the plan accompanying your letter, this Office will offer no objection to the shifting of the pontoon as proposed provided that the pontoon, if so shifted, shall be wholly afloat at all stages of the tide and have sufficient depth of water at its outer side and ends at low water spring tides for the accommodation of such boat traffic as now exists in its present position off Woochang Road.

In connection with the above condition, I consider it well to call your attention to the fact that in order to effect the change of position of the jetty and pontoon, a considerable quantity of mud will have to be dredged away from the proposed new site, and in my opinion periodical dredging will also be necessary in order to fulfil the condition.

Soundings taken yesterday off the proposed new site show that at a distance of 50 ft. from the bunding there is only one foot of water at low water Spring tides, but from this point the depth increases rapidly. The Woochang Road Jetty and pontoon extends 65.5 ft. into river from the bunding.

WM. CARLSON,
Harbourmaster.

C. MAYNE, Esq.,
Municipal Engineer.

Shanghai, March 3, 1908.

DEAR SIR,—Referring to the correspondence published in the *Municipal Gazette* of February 21 last between the Council and the Nippon Yusen Kaisha relating to the proposed removal of the Woochang Road Jetty to a new position at the terminus of the Tiendong Road, we as owners of a large property assessed at over one million taels in the near vicinity wish to point out to the Council that any such change will prove highly detrimental to our estate.

Our property in this neighbourhood consists to a large extent of private residences and the proposed change will bring the steamers and the consequent dirt, smoke, and noise so close to our houses that a reduction in value is sure to follow.

The suggested extension of Tiendong Road would prove damaging in itself in so much as it will bring a very noisy class of traffic immediately in the rear of a terrace of private houses.

There would not appear to be any public benefit derived from the proposed change to justify the very apparent and serious loss to private property.

We are, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.

Agents, the Shanghai Land Investment Co. Ltd.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.
Secretary, Municipal Council.

Shanghai, March 3, 1908.

SIR,—We the undersigned renters of godowns and agents of property in Hongkew have read with much concern the correspondence published in the minutes of the Council's Meeting of February 12 regarding the removal of the above Jetty to the end of the proposed extension of the Tiendong Road.

The Woochang Road Jetty is the only one in the whole of Hongkew which is available for the landing and shipping of cargo at all states of the tide, and with so many godowns as are at present in the neighbourhood and the likelihood of more being erected in the immediate future its capacity is taxed to the utmost and it is indeed not sufficient for present requirements.

In view therefore of the 3rd paragraph in your letter of February 12 to the Nippon Yusen Kaisha to the effect that "Careful inspection of the foreshore in the neighbourhood in question has disclosed the fact that it will be practically impossible to maintain a serviceable pontoon opposite the Tiendong Road, since all local expert evidence is to the effect that continuous dredging work would be necessary to ensure the depth of water required for the purpose. If this is found to be the case the pontoon in the proposed new position will be constantly out of use during dredging operations, and the serious inconvenience to the public which would result requires no further demonstration," we beg to protest most emphatically against any such exchange of site being agreed to.

We are, Sir,

Your obedient servants,
WARD, PROBST & Co.

DAVID SASSOON & Co., LTD.,
A. E. MOSES,
Manager.

E. D. SASSOON & Co.
E. PABANEY.

TRADING Co., LATE VAN LAER & Co.
J. E. VAN LAER,

BRUNNER, MOND & Co., LTD.,
per EDWARD LITTLE,
General Manager for China.

S. J. DANIELS.

WELCH, LEWIS & Co.

HOLLAND-CHINA TRADING Co.,
F. B. S'JACOB,

p-pro. OLIVIER & Co.,
E. C. THEIS.

EBBEKE & Co.

CAWASJEE, PALLANJEE & Co.

CHINA & JAVA EXPORT Co.,

CHAS. STÜRMANN,
General Manager.

BANQUE SINO-BELGE,
W. A. HOEHN.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,
Secretary, Municipal Council.

Shanghai, March 6, 1908.

SIR.—Referring to our respects of the 14th ultimo, in which we requested you to reconsider and approve the removal of the Woochang Road Jetty from its present position to the proposed site at the end of the Tiendong Road extension as was previously arranged.

We beg to state that we believe the matter must have fully been considered by this time, so we shall feel obliged if you will kindly favour us with a reply at your earliest convenience.

As to the width of the North Yangtsze Road Extension, we mentioned it in our letter to be sixty feet, but you will please note that it should be, as shown on your plan, fifty-two feet, same as that of North Yangtsze Road.

Hoping to be favoured with a favourable reply.

We are, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA,

YONEJIROH ITO,

Manager.

The SECRETARY,

Municipal Council.

Council Room,

Shanghai, March 12, 1908.

SIR,—With reference to your letters of February 14 and March 6, I am directed to inform you that the settlement of the question of the removal of the Woochang Road Jetty to meet the convenience of your Company, must necessarily await the determination by the Conservancy Authorities of the Normal Line at the corner of the Soochow Creek and Whangpoo River.

This work, in turn, awaits the removal of the cofferdams of the Garden Bridge, for which the contractors require till about the end of May, and certain subsequent dredging work at the mouth of the creek which the Council is under obligation to perform.

Until the position of the Normal Line is fixed the Council is unable to give any final decision in this important matter, and I am directed therefore to express the hope that the contingent arrangement between yourselves and the Japanese Government remain in suspense for the present, in case it should subsequently transpire that the transfer of the public landing stage is impracticable.

In respect to my note to Mr. Eitaki of July 10, 1906, it is to be observed that, no reply having been received, and no official correspondence with your Company having followed, the present Council considers that no binding arrangement is constituted.

Letters of protest have been received during the past few days at the suggested transfer, from which the Council notes that the measure would incur serious opposition on the part of land-owners and others in the neighbourhood, and it therefore appears doubly

necessary that you exercise caution in any dependent transactions which you may have in contemplation.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. E. LEVESON,

Secretary.

The MANAGER,

Nippon Yusen Kaisha.

Plan of Shanghai.

The revised plan of the Settlement and environs is submitted and approved, for transmission to Messrs. Waterlow and Sons, Ltd. to be lithographed. Copies will be sold to the public when received.

Road Extensions and Widenings.

Woosung Road.—Under the terms of a revised claim by the Shanghai Land Investment Co. Ltd. the surrender of a portion of Cadastral lot 825, measuring Mow 0.054 has been obtained for Tls. 18,000 per mow with an addition of ten per cent for compulsory surrender and the sum of Tls. 551 for reinstatement and loss of rent, total Tls. 1,620.

Road Names.—The following new roads in the Western District already existing as alleyways will receive names as follows:—

- (i) A new road from Markham Road to Gordon Road, Tokio Road.
- (ii) A new road west of the Yu Yuen Cotton Mill, Moji Road.

Tenders

The following are authorized for acceptance:—

Erection of a boundary wall for the Reserve Garden, Messrs. Stolz and Kind, at Tls. 77 per chang, Tls. 2,464.

Supply and erection of a wrought iron railing for the Reserve Garden, Soy Chong, Tls. 18.50 per chang, Tls. 562.

Supply and erection of steps for the Public Garden, in Tsingtau Granite, Messrs. Stolz and Kind, Tls. 590.

Construction of a jarrah-wood jetty on the Soochow Creek between the North Thibet and Winchester Roads, and removal of the existing jetty, Yao Sing-kee, Tls. 544.

Construction of a steam roller shed, store shed, office, etc., on the North Honan Road, south west corner of Cadastral lot 691 N, Tai Kee, Tls. 1,050 with extras amounting to Tls. 462.

The following is a translation of a notice inserted in the native Press:—

The Council invites tenders for the following:—

- 1.—Timber, viz., Malaya, Singapore Hardwood, Oregon Pine, Japan Plank and Foochow Poles.

2.—Road Materials. 24,000 tons of broken bricks, 3,600 tons of large size stone chips, 1,200 tons of medium size stone, 12,000 tons of small size stone, 2,400 tons of Soochow Sand, 2,400 tons of Sea Sand.

3.—Masonry, viz., blue and red bricks, lime, paper, etc.

4.—Levelling and weeding mud roads in the Western District.

5.—Cast-iron manholes and gully covers.

6.—Removal of road detritus by boats at the various garbage chutes.

7.—Wheeling road materials in the Settlement.

8.—Erection of bamboo fencing in the various districts.

9.—Painting bridges, bell-towers, etc.

10.—Raising new roads with mud.

11.—Bricking and metalling new roads.

12.—Laying drains.

13.—Ditching new roads.

14.—Dredging various creeks.

Tenderers for the above may interview the Municipal Engineer, at the Public Works Office, daily from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and see the specifications. Tenders shall be sent in, on or before Friday, March 20. The Council does not bind itself to accept any tender and is not responsible for any expenses that may be incurred in making estimates. The contractor whose tender is accepted will be required to give satisfactory security for the performance of the contract.

St. Xavier's School.

The following letter is submitted containing the annual statement of accounts of this institution:—

Shanghai, March 9, 1908.

DEAR SIR,—I have the honour to send you, herewith, the financial statement of our Orphanage.

I gladly avail myself of this opportunity to convey to the Municipal Council and to the Ratepayers my most sincere thanks for their generous assistance.

Believe me, Dear Sir,

Yours respectfully,

BRO. ANTONIN,

Director.

The SECRETARY,
Municipal Council.

INCOME.

By Municipal Grant.....	\$2,031
„ St. Vincent de Paul Society	300
„ Orphans or poor day pupils.	930
	\$3,261

EXPENDITURE.

To 35 Orphans @ \$15 monthly..	\$6,300
„ 85 poor day pupils @ \$2.00 monthly (10 months)	1,700
	\$8,000

BRO. ANTONIN,

Director.

The meeting adjourns at 6.15 p.m.

The following documents are forwarded for publication with the foregoing minutes:—

Opium Houses.

American Consulate-General,
Shanghai, March 16, 1908.

SIR,—Relative to the closing of Opium dens within the international Settlement, I have the honour to inform you that I am in receipt of a telegram from Secretary of State Root to the effect that the American Government strongly endorses the suppression of opium within the limits of the international Settlement of Shanghai.

In transmitting to you this expression of the American Government's attitude toward the opium question, I desire to express the hope that at the forthcoming Ratepayers' Meeting an effective resolution for the suppression of opium within the limits of the international Settlement may be adopted.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

FREDERICK D. CLOUD,

Vice-Consul General in charge.

D. LANDALE, Esq.,

Chairman, Municipal Council.

Ratepayers Meeting, Resolution XII.

Shanghai, August 29, 1907.

SIR,—Will you please lay the following before the Council at their next meeting:—

It is with the utmost reluctance that I write for compensation, but see no other way of saving my business. For the past twelve months, owing to the closing of the Garden Bridge, to richa and carriage traffic, I have lost seventy-five per cent of my business.

Previous to the closing of the bridge I had 150 customers living in the Central and Western districts, who have not made a purchase since the bridge was closed, and upon making inquiries from some of them they say they will not come to Hongkew till the bridge is open.

This, Gentlemen, is very hard on me, and I now find out that the Broadway will be practically closed for some considerable time.

In a very short time the road level on the Broadway will have to be raised to the level of the new bridge and customers will not be able to get into my premises, in fact, we will do no business; for how long I do not know, and to make matters worse it will occur at our busy season. And for some considerable time after the road is finished, no traffic will be able to pass the North Soochow Road and Broadway, until the completion of laying the tram lines, in fact the store might as well be closed until the Garden Bridge is open to traffic.

Having this great loss for the past year, and finding that it is likely to continue for another six months, I will not be able to pay running expenses and interests on stocks. I now ask you for compensation for the past and until the Garden Bridge is open for traffic.

From the experience I am going through, and what I am suffering and will suffer, is through no fault of my own, and I think it is very hard on me that it should continue and I have to put up with such a big loss as I am doing, through a public improvement.

For the past year I have had \$50,000 worth of stock on my premises and find that at the end of July I have lost money, having to pay running expenses and doing no business.

My net profits for the year ending July 31, 1905 were \$13,474.00, for the year ending July 31, 1906 \$11,008.00 and for the past year to July 31, 1907 I have suffered a loss of \$2,846.00.

I leave my case in your hands, gentlemen, as business men, as I said before, what I am suffering is through no fault of my own; it is a public improvement and I take it that the public should pay.

I do not think I am unreasonable, and if I was able to stand this loss I would not trouble you. It is a very serious question for me, I have stood it as long as I possibly can, I now leave the case in your hands for consideration and in closing, give you the amount that I had to pay out for the past year as monthly expenses:

	Tls.
Rent and taxes	250.00
Light and water	18.00
Two assistants	350.00
Self.....	250.00
Native staff	105.00
Fire insurance	30.00
Interest	210.00
Advertising.....	75.00
	Tls. 1,288.00

The value of my stock at July 31, 1907 was \$47,000.

I remain, Gentleman,

Yours respectfully,

W. T. EVANS.

J. B. A. MACKINNON, Esq.,

Assistant Secretary, Municipal Council.

Shanghai, September 12, 1907.

DEAR SIR,—Not having received any reply to my letter of August 29, 1907 re compensation owing to the closing of Garden Bridge to vehicular traffic.

I now write to ask you will you be kind enough to let me know whether anything has been done in the matter. It is for me a very serious question, and unless something is done for me, it will be the means of closing my business.

The Work Department started on the morning of the 10th instant to dig up and raise the road in front of my premises and will, I presume, continue at it until finished. What little business I have been doing will be entirely stopped when they get a little further advanced.

I want, if possible, to settle this amicably with the Council, so await anxiously their reply to my letter of August 29.

I remain,

Dear Sir,

Yours truly,

W. T. EVANS.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,

Secretary, Municipal Council.

Council Room,

Shanghai, September 28, 1907.

SIR,—Your letters of August 29 and September 12 have had the attention of the Council, and, in reply thereto, I am directed to state that your claim for compensation for loss of business as a result of the re-construction of the Garden Bridge and continuation works is regarded as inadmissible.

In the first place it must be evident that payment of a claim of this description in one case would entail the most serious addition to the cost of the public improvement in progress, as also to that of any future similar undertakings. And for such extra expenditure the Council is advised there exists no legal liability, and no parallel elsewhere.

Moreover, it is open to question whether the recent shrinkage in the volume of your business may not be to a great extent due to the general increase in the number of stores of a similar character which are opening in the Central District as well as more immediately adjacent to your establishment.

With regard to what you write as to the results of raising the roadway, the Council has given directions that no effort be spared to minimise the inconvenience to residents along the line of the works, and that special means of temporary access to premises be provided where ordinary facilities are impaired.

With this assurance I am directed to convey to you an expression of the Council's hope that the final result of the operations in progress will not be of the character you anticipate.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. E. LEVESON,

Secretary.

W. T. EVANS, Esq.,
Broadway Drapery.

Health Department.**Notification of Infectious Disease.**

The following have been reported during the week ending Sunday, March 15, 1908.	Deaths among Chinese population of 530,000.	Cases notified among Non-Chinese population of 14,500.
Small-pox.	3	2
Cholera.	0	0
Typhoid Fever.	—	0
Diphtheria.	1	0
Scarlet Fever.	1	0
Tuberculosis.	14	1
Total Deaths from all Causes	151	4

ARTHUR STANLEY,

Health Officer.

Departmental Report of the Superintendent of Parks and Open Spaces to the Municipal Engineer for February.

The chief occupation during the month was the selecting of suitable plants and the demarcating of plantations especially in the Hongkew Recreation Ground, where the including of the new extension necessitates various alterations, advantage of which is being taken to arrange the plantations so as to give special distant views from various salient points.

Public Garden.—A commencement has been made to prepare the lawns where re-turfing is necessary. The display of flowers in the hothouse is still maintained, the best plants in flower being *Coelogyne Cristata*, a Himalaya Orchid, which is in flower for the first time. Amongst the other plants in flower, *Buddleia*, *Phaulis*, *Primulas*, *Cinerarias*, *Freesia's*, *Daedylacanthus* and *Geraniums*, are conspicuous.

Public Recreation Ground.—Repairs to the banks have been done and the weeding seen to.

Hongkew Recreation Ground.—On the 23rd the moving of the boundary was commenced. The section on the western side formerly utilized as a nursery has been cleared of trees.

Bund.—The footpath is being altered so as to make it of a uniform width throughout, running parallel with the stone slope.

Nurseries.—The transplanting of young trees, etc., is in progress. The preparation of the Siccawei Road Nursery is now completed and a commencement made to planting therein.

Brenan Piece.—This site has been levelled and prepared for turfing.

Miscellaneous.—Trees and shrubs were planted in Shantung Road Cemetery and bedding plants at the Chinese Public School and Sinza Police Station.

Trees planted on

The Bund.....	22
Tongshan Road.....	97
North Szechuen Road.....	19
Ward Road.....	266
Municipal Hospital.....	1
	405

Trees staked.

Bubbling Well Road.....	32
The Bund	36
North Szechuen Road.....	47
Ward Road	285
Tongshan Road	97
Hart Road	2
Avenue Road.....	1
	500

Dead trees removed.

Carter Road	3
Broadway	5
The Bund.....	3
	11

Flowering plants planted.

Public Garden	32
Chinese Public School.....	319
Victoria Nursing Home.....	20
Sinza Police Station	250
	621

D. MACGREGOR,

Superintendent

Engineer's Report for February

Works in Progress. Sikh Gurdwara. Boundary walls at Gaol. New Cells. Sinza Police Station. Swimming Bath. Alterations. Council Room Alterations. Offices, Quarters, Transformer Station, and foundations for boilers, machinery, etc. at Electricity Works.

Garden Bridge and Chekiang Road Bridge, Subsidiary Works. Approach road to new Passenger Pontoons. Laying 3' diam. culvert along Avenue Road east of Gordon Road. Laying 3' diam. culvert along Siccawei Road from Great Western Road to the Yung Zeen Pang. Concrete bunding along Soochow Creek at Museum Road. Repairs to Yates Road Bridge and North Kiangse Road Bridge, and East Yuhang Road Extensions. Concrete Bundings North Soochow Road, west of Garden Bridge, and East of Chekiang Road Bridge. Laying 2'3" x 1'6" Sewer along North Szechuen Road Extension. Mud filling Thorburn Road. South Approach to Cheking Road Bridge.

Works Finally Completed. Police Training School, Gordon Road, Western Police Depot. Boundary Walls and Watchman's house, Soldiers' Cemetery. Drying Room, Yangtze-poo Police Station. Beggars' Cells, Hongkew Police Station. Draining, bricking and metalling Great Western Road between Manila Road and the Chang Pang.

Garden Bridge. All the steelwork has received one coat of paint during the month. Very little work has been done on the Pylons owing to the non-delivery of stone. They are all, however, in an advanced stage. The South Approach has been kerbed and partly paved. Trees have also been planted on either side. The concrete bundings are well in hand.

Chekiang Road Bridge. The decking of the bridge is well in hand. Tram rails have been laid across the bridge and on the South Approach. The pylons have been completed. The South Approach has been raised to proper level and the roadway finished. The kerb and channel is now being proceeded with. The filling of the North Approach is well in hand. This was somewhat delayed on account of the shifting of the watermain.

Plans Completed. 4'6" Culvert along Great Western Road, from Defence Creek to Manila Road, and 3'0" Culvert along Manila Road to the Chang Pang. Concrete bunding North Soochow Road east of North Chekiang Road Bridge. Sections of Batavia Road and Thorburn Road.

Tramways. The junctions connecting up Nanking Road and Chekiang Road, have been laid and the cars have been running from the Bund to Jessfield Road, and in Carter Road and Avenue Road. The track has been laid along North Soochow Road. The junction at Range Road and North Szechuen Road is being laid.

Works Completed on Road Widenings and Extensions.—Works have been completed on Great Western Road, Chengtu Road, Seymour Road, Markham Road, Kiangse Road, Szechuen Road, Kalgan Road, East Yuhang Road, Road at the Point, Road No. 70, Singkeipang Road, North Szechuen Road Extension and North Chekiang Road, as shown by the following table:—

Heading.	Unit.	Districts.				Total.
		W.	C.	N.	E.	
<i>Drainage.</i>						
Tidal ditches made.....	ft. run	155				155
Tidal ditches cleaned	"			1300		1300
3'6" Culverts laid	"				105	105
2'3" × 1'6" Sewers laid	"	156				156
1'6" × 1'0" Sewers laid	"				40	40
12" Sewers laid	"				62	62
9" Sewers laid	"				14	14
Street gullies laid	Nos.		1			1
Brick manholes constructed ...	"	2				2
Retaining walls constructed ...	"	1				1
<i>Roads.</i>						
Bricking.....	ft. run	7800			1201	9001
Metalling	sq. run	7800			9072	16872
Raising	ft. run	160				160
Kerb & Channel relaid	"		160			160
Chippaved margins relaid ...	"		10			10
<i>Foot Pavements.</i>						
Concrete paving laid	"	20	152	50		222
Macadam footways laid	"	77				77
<i>Miscellaneous.</i>						
M. C. R. Stones fixed	Nos.	16				16

Works Completed on Existing Roads.—The following is a tabulated statement of the different works completed during the month :—

Heading.	Unit.	Districts.				Total.
		W.	C.	N.	E.	
<i>Drainage.</i>						
Sewers cleaned	ft. run	152				152
Tidal ditches cleaned	"	15483				15483
2'3" x 1'6" Sewers laid	"			112		112
9" Sewers laid	"			6		6
6" Drains laid.....	"			18		18
Retaining wall constructed.....	Nos.			1		1
<i>Roads.</i>						
Kerb & Channel relaid	ft. run		158	177	325	660
Chippaved margins laid	"				141	141
Chippaved margins repaired ...	"	3124			460	3584
Chippaved carriageway laid ...	"			185	93	278
Rolling and sanding	"	1680				1680
Macadam roads repaired	"	3064	1930	2466	1019	8479
<i>Foot Pavements.</i>						
Concrete paving laid	"		158	176	122	456
Chippaved footways laid.....	"				157	157
Macadam footways repaired ...	"	445				445
<i>Miscellaneous.</i>						
Telephone poles erected	Nos.	29	4	2	2	37
Gas, Water and other trenches opened	"			314	154	468

Cleansing.

29 cartloads of garbage, 2,722 cartloads of road detritus and 2,191 cartloads of gully deposit have been collected during the month.

Quarry.

5,687 tons of road materials have been received during the month from the Council's Quarry.

Concreteware Manufactory.

The following concrete ware has been made at the Council's Hongkew Depot during the month :—

Machine made ... 3,335 pieces.
Hand made 1,093 "
Total... 4,428 "

Creeks and River.

Mud has been removed as follows :—
Defence Creek 284 tons.

New Buildings.

Plans have been approved by the Council for the erection of 198 buildings made up as follows :—

Western District 49
Central " 88
Northern " 57
Eastern " 4

Total... 198

The following table shows lengths of drains of various sizes laid on private property by the Department during the month :—

Heading.	Unit.	Districts.				Total.
		W.	C.	N.	E.	
12" Pipe Drain	ft. run				48	48
9" Pipe Drain	"				42	42
6" Pipe Drain	"				94	140
4" Pipe Drain	"				2	7
Manholes	Nos.				5	5
Main drain connexions ...	"				2	2

Survey Work.

Official measurements of new land lots attended during the month. 53
Cadastral certificates issued 14
Consular lots surveyed 21
Surveys made in connexion with Road Widenings and/or Extensions 28
Lots examined to ascertain whether they included roads or waterways which are or may in future be of use to the public... 16
Consular lots examined as to condition of boundary stones... 13

M.C.R. Stones have been erected as follows :—

Western District..... 27 stones.
Central " 2 "
Northern " "
Eastern " "

Total... 29 "

Miscellaneous.

The average number of labourers employed during the month exclusive of contract work has been 1,779 as against 2,275 during February, 1907.

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CHARLES MAYNE,

Engineer & Surveyor

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FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 1908.

THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, March 18, 1908, at 4.30 p.m., there are present :

Messrs. D. Landale (*Chairman*)
A. W. Burkill
W. D. Little
A. D. Lowe
J. H. McMichael
O. Meuser
J. Prentice
The Secretary and
Assistant Secretary.

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Police.

Foreign Branch.—The promotion of the following to be 2nd Class Constables is authorised :—

P. C. Steele	from Jan. 3
P. C. John Mackenzie	„ Jan. 3
P. C. Everson	„ Jan. 16
P. C. Grimble	„ Feb. 13

The following are appointed Plain Clothes Constables as from March 9.

P. C. Lesley
P. C. Prosser
P. C. James Mackenzie

Pawnshops.—A petition from the keepers of first and second-class native pawnshops is submitted, in allusion to the Notification recently issued in respect to stolen property; and, from a Police report thereon, it is evident to the Council that they have misunderstood the object of the notice. A reply calculated to allay the feeling of uneasiness which appears to have been provoked, is authorised.

Chinese Troops in the Settlement.

A letter from the Senior Consul is read informing the Council that a permit has been issued for a battalion of native infantry to proceed through the Settlement on March 15, en route from the Railway Station to the native City. Although informal notice was received on March 13, and although as a matter of fact the soldiers detrained at Naziang and did not enter the limits of the Settlement, it is decided in reply to intimate that for Police purposes it is necessary to have longer notice in a case of this description, to prevent the possibility of disturbance of traffic.

Shanghai, March 13, 1908.

SIR,—At the request of the Shanghai Taotai I have issued a permit for a battalion of the Ning infantry regiment to pass through the International Settlement on March 15.

I beg to notify you of the issuance of this permit so that you may inform the Municipal Police.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

JOSEPH HERS,
For the Senior Consul.

D. LANDALE Esq.,
Chairman, Municipal Council.

Translation of letter from the Taotai to the Senior Consul, dated March 13, 1908.

The Taotai has hereby to state that he is in receipt of a telegram from Jui, Provincial Treasurer, Director General of Piracy Prevention in the Provinces of Chekiang and Kiangsu, to the effect that by the Viceroy's telegraphic instructions an armed battalion of Nanking infantry under the command of Chang Ko-liang, stationed in the neighbourhoods of Kaoyu and Paoying, will entrain on the morning of March 15 to Shanghai for Sungkiang, and that since it is to be feared that they will pass through the Settlement, it should be directed that notice be given beforehand.

The Taotai has therefore the honour to inform the Senior Consul of this, and request him to give directions to the Police that if at the time in question these troops in fact cross the Settlement, general instructions be issued to permit them to pass without the least obstruction.

Council Room,

Shanghai, March 23, 1908.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your intimation dated March 13, as to issue of a permit to the Native Authorities for the passage through the Settlement on March 15 of a battalion of Chinese troops.

This intimation reached me late in the morning of the day after that upon which the troops were due to arrive. I am aware that on this occasion the matter was brought to the Council's notice in an informal manner before the arrival of your letter, and that the battalion eventually skirted the Settlement after detraining at Naziang, but I have the honour to point out that the shortness of notice generally given has more than once been provocative of

considerable inconvenience, and that in one case it was found necessary, for this reason, to direct the return of certain troops whose intention it was to traverse the Settlement from the eastern boundary.

The need of warning sufficiently early to give time for necessary consideration and precautions against disturbance, notably when the number of natives is so exceptionally large, will therefore doubtless be clear to you, and I venture to request that the attention of the Native Authorities be drawn to the matter with a view to the adoption for the future of more suitable procedure.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

DAVID LANDALE,

Chairman.

D. SIFFERT, Esq.,

Consul General for Belgium
and Senior Consul.

Road Extensions and Widenings.

The purchase of the following areas of native land for new roads in the Western District is noted as complete:—

(a) For the *Mokanshan Road*, between two sections of the West Soochow Road, Mow 1.252 at a cost of Tls. 87.64.

(b) For the *Macao Road*, between the Ferry and West Soochow Roads, Mow 20.340 at a cost of Tls. 1,423.80.

(c) For the *Tonquin Road*, between the Robison and West Soochow Roads, Mow 8.797 at a cost of Tls. 615.79.

Tramways

Accidents.—From the Police daily reports for the week it appears that considerable difficulty is being experienced owing to the failure of the conductors of the cars to heed police warnings, and it is decided to address a letter to the Manager on the subject, notifying him that if improvement does not take place it will be necessary to summons the offenders at the Mixed Court. The correspondence is ordered for publication :—

Council Room,

Shanghai, March 19, 1908.

SIR,—I am directed to call your attention to two recent cases reported by the Police in connexion with the running of the Tramways.

On March 12, in the evening a collision between a fire truck and tram-car No. 39 was with difficulty averted, owing to refusal by the driver of the car to stop when so directed by an Indian Constable. This circumstance is established beyond doubt by the statement of the member of the Fire Brigade who was driving the truck. Such lack of compliance with Police directions is a source of considerable danger, and the Council trusts that strict instructions will be given to your native employes for the future to obey all indications of the Police on duty promptly and without demur.

Another report refers to an accident which took place on March 13 in Avenue Road, witnessed by a tramway traffic Inspector but not reported to the Police. Two men were injured, one of whom had a leg broken. It is recognised that in spite of due care occasional accidents are unavoidable, but in view of these occurrences I am directed to request that it be impressed upon drivers that any negligence or clear disregard of the exigencies of traffic will result in their being summarised before the Mixed Court.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. E. LEVESON,

Secretary.

W. R. WRIGHT, Esq.,
General Manager,
Shanghai Electric Construction Co., Ltd.

Shanghai, March 20, 1908.

DEAR SIR,—I am in receipt of your letter of March 19 regarding the running of the cars.

I have given special instructions to our staff to comply with the Police Regulations as to the control of traffic, and I may also say that this matter is embodied in our book of instructions to the staff.

Yours faithfully,

W. R. WRIGHT,

General Manager.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,
Secretary, Municipal Council.

The meeting adjourns at 6.45 p.m.

At a Special Meeting of the Council held on Saturday, March 21, 1908, at 12 o'clock noon, there are present:—

Messrs. A. W. Burkill
D. Landale
W. D. Little
A. D. Lowe
R. S. F. McBain
J. H. McMichael
O. Meuser
W. A. C. Platt
J. Prentice and
The Secretary.

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

Election of Office Bearers.

Upon the proposal of Mr. Prentice, seconded by Mr. Little, Mr. Landale is unanimously re-elected Chairman, and upon his proposal, seconded by Mr. Burkill, Mr. Meuser is re-elected to the Vice-Chair.

The Council resolves itself into Standing Committees as follows:—

Watch Committee.—Messrs. Burkill, Lowe and McMichael.

Works Committee.—Messrs. Meuser, McBain and Prentice.

Finance Committee.—Messrs. Landale, Little and Platt.

In respect to the appointment of Municipal Sub-Committees, it is decided to request the present members to continue their services for another year, and, since it has been ascertained that they are willing to stand if appointed, these Sub-Committees will continue as follows:—

Band Committee.—Messrs. Fink, Blount and Maitland.

Parks Committee.—Messrs. Beauchamp, Algar, Kerr and Teesdale.

The Council's representative on the *Public Recreation Ground Committee*, Mr. Burkill.

Public School Committee.—Messrs. White-Cooper, Abraham, and Wilson and Dr. Ivy. Mr. Prentice is nominated as the Council's representative.

Public School for Chinese Committee.—The Rev. A. J. Walker, Dr. Ferguson and Messrs. Chu Lan fong and Shen Tun-ho. Mr. Lowe will continue to serve as the Council's representative.

Electricity Committee.—Messrs. Pearce, Grant Mackenzie and Pilcher.

Budget 1908.

The Chairman refers to the proceedings at the Annual Meeting of Ratepayers, and to the criticism of the current Budget which took place; he expresses the opinion that the Finance Committee should use every endeavour to prevent exceeding, and where possible, to curtail, the expenditure estimated for the ensuing year.

As a preliminary step it is decided to obtain reports from the Heads of the principal Departments on the possibility of further reduction of their Ordinary Estimates without detriment to the efficiency of the public service, whereafter the matter will have the close attention of the Committees concerned.

Case of Mr. W. T. Evans.

The Council directs an examination by the Accountant and Auditor of the books and financial affairs of this Ratepayer, with a view to carrying out the terms of Resolution XII, carried at the recent Annual Meeting.

Police Inspection.

In accordance with a former custom, and at the suggestion of the Captain-Superintendent of Police, it is decided to hold the Annual Inspection of the Force on Thursday next, March 26, at 5 o'clock p.m. With a view to affording every opportunity for the public to attend this function it is decided to hold it in the Public Recreation Ground.

The meeting adjourns at 12.30 p.m.

The following documents are ordered for publication with the foregoing minutes.

Health Department.

Notification of Infectious Disease.

The following have been reported during the week ending Sunday March 22, 1908.	Deaths among Chinese population of 630,000	Cases notified among Non-Chinese population 14,500.
Small-pox.	3	0
Cholera.	0	0
Typhoid Fever.	—	0
Diphtheria.	2	0
Scarlet Fever.	2	1
Tuberculosis.	33	0
Total Deaths from all Causes	183	3

ARTHUR STANLEY,

Health Officer

Health Officer's Report for February.

With the exception of two deaths from small-pox no deaths attributable to infectious disease occurred among the foreign community during February. That two deaths among residents should occur from small-pox in a community where exceptional facilities are afforded for vaccination is a matter for careful consideration. Besides affording free vaccination for all Chinese and for indigent foreigners at the Health Office daily at 2 p.m., arrangements are being made for vaccination during March and April (the most popular vaccinating months with the Chinese) at sub-stations in the four sanitary districts of the Settlement, so as to bring vaccination nearer to the homes of the people. It is proposed to establish fifteen such vaccinating stations throughout the Settlement. Some of the Taoist temples have, with a commendably progressive spirit, afforded facilities for Municipal vaccination.

The extreme gyrations of the death rate among the Chinese population, unexplainable except by faults in the method of reporting deaths, have been investigated and instructions have been issued for the verification of all deaths among Chinese by the Inspectors and their foreign assistants. In 135 deaths occurring among the Chinese in the Central District during the month, the body was viewed by the foreign Inspectors in eighty cases and inaccurate reports given by the Chinese sanitary foremen detected in 25 per cent of the reports. An attempt has been made in the same district to collect the prescriptions of the native apothecaries attending fatal cases. These prescriptions usually bear a description of the symptoms and may assist in elucidating the cause of death.

210 cattle have, during the month, been brought down by the Health Department direct to the cattle sheds by railway and readily disposed of to the butchers at an average price of \$42 a head, so as to cover expenses. The butchers appear pleased, but have not as yet admitted the possibility of reducing the price of meat. The elimination of the insanitary Pahsienjao cattle hong is, however, an object equally desirable of attainment.

During the month the greater part of the house refuse has been sold at the shoots to countrymen for agricultural purposes, a mode of disposal which is the most sanitary of all, and one that can only be applied in a city surrounded, as Shanghai is, by an agricultural district. A more regular demand for house refuse for agricultural purposes is desirable.

Considerable attention has been devoted to the improvement of the cemeteries. Many new trees and shrubs have been planted in the older cemeteries. Enlargement of the Bubbling Well Cemetery will soon be required and the acquisition of the Bubbling Well corner is very desirable, as it will greatly improve the appearance both of the cemetery and of the road. The new wall, gate and watchman's lodge at the Soldiers' Cemetery are nearing completion, the graves have been demarcated and the surface turfed preparatory to planting with trees and shrubs.

Here follow tables of Vital Statistics, Infectious Disease and Outdoor Sanitary Work; Work done in the Municipal Laboratory, Municipal Hospitals and Slaughter-house; and lists of Laundries, Dairies and Dealers in Perishable Food-stuffs, etc., licensed for the protection of the Public Health.

ARTHUR STANLEY,
Health Officer.

Deaths.

	Foreign. Resident.	Native. Non-Resident.	
Small-pox	2	0	32
Cholera	0	0	0
Typhoid Fever	1	—	—
Diphtheria	0	0	7
Scarlet Fever	0	0	4
Tuberculosis	0	0	78
From all causes ...	11	1	638

Infectious Disease Notified Among Foreign Resident Population.

Small-pox	6
Cholera	0
Typhoid Fever	1
Diphtheria	3
Scarlet Fever	2
Tuberculosis	0

Municipal Laboratory.

Small-pox Vaccine issued...	3,200 tubes.
Vaccinations	136
Diphtheria Antitoxin issued	40 dozes.
Plague Prophylactic	102 "
Cases undergoing anti-rabic treatment	3
Bacteriological examinations	53
Analyses	39

Slaughter House Returns.

	Slaughtered.	Rejected at Slaughter-house.	Passed for Slaughter from Cattle-sheds.	Passed for Export from Cattle-sheds.	Rejected at Cattle-sheds.
Oxen ...	1221	2	1221	0	0
Sheep ...	2119	2	2119	102	1
Calves ...	331	0	331	0	0
Pigs ...	311	0	311	0	0

Municipal Laboratory.

Report on Analysis of Water.

Sample received February 29, 1908.

Report sent out March 5, 1908.

Sample of Shanghai Waterworks Co.'s water.

Physical Characters. — Yellowish green colour with moderate opacity. Slightly alkaline reaction to litmus.

Good aeration.

Parts
Hundred
Thousand.

Solid Matter in Solution ... 11.8

a.—Volatile

b.—Fixed

Appearance on

ignition Slight charring.

Total Hardness

a.—Temporary

b.—Permanent

Chlorine

Nitrogen as Nitrates

Saline Ammonia.....

Albuminoid Ammonia

Poisonous Metals

Nitrites

Phosphates.....

Sulphates

Bacteriological Examination.—Gela-

tine plates incubated at 22°C yielded

an average of 120 microbes per c.c., of

which 1 in 10 were liquefying organisms.

Agar plates at blood-heat produced

76 microbes per c.c. Bacteria of the

Coli type were found in quantities of

0.1 c.c. and upwards.

Report on Analysis.—A sample of

water of good degree of chemical and

of fair bacterial purity.

Sanitary Work.

Complaints of insanitary con-

ditions received from the

Public

Insanitary conditions reported by

Health Office

Written intimations issued for

sanitary amendment.....

Second written intimations issued

for sanitary amendment ...

Notices of intention to proceed

served

Samples taken for analysis

Pounds of unsound food destroyed

Food Prosecutions

House refuse prosecutions

Laundry and other prosecutions..

Enquiries after notification of

foreign cases of infectious

disease

Enquiries after notification of

Chinese cases of and deaths

from Infectious Disease.....

Rooms disinfected after Infec-

tious Disease	163
Articles of Clothing, Bedding, etc., disinfected by Steam...	2170
Rooms whitewashed	162
Ventilation and lighting amended	6
Defective drainage amended.....	15
Insanitary latrines and urinals rendered healthy	2
Insanitary ditches, ponds and creeks rendered healthy ...	10
Night-soil pits and kongs abolished	50
Exposed coffined corpses removed and buried	12
Smoke nuisances suppress	0
Offensive trade processes amended	0
Insanitary wells abolished.....	1
Tons of ordure removed	6303
Tons of house refuse removed ...	9573
Beggar boats removed	8
Other unhealthy conditions amended	9

Licensed Laundries.

Laundry.	Situation.
Yok Sing.....	846 Woosung Road.
Miller	308 Miller Road.
Chin Kee	1113 Range Road.
2 International Laundry	512 do
3 " "	513 do
4 " "	514 do
5 " "	515 do
6 " "	516 do
7 " "	517 do
8 " "	518 do
9 " "	519 do
Wong Ah San	1381 Haining Road
Chapoo No. 1.....	402A Chapoo Road.
Chapoo No. 2.....	402B Chapoo Road.
M. Y. K.	N. Szechuen Rd. Ex.
Ah Chow	465-6 Dent Road
Ah Kung	467 do
Old Ah Foo	469-71 do
Jackson	472-3 do
Big Sam	66-8 Dent Lane.
Jim	1858 Seward Road
Wo Yue	1859 do
Yu Shing	1860 do
Ching Kee	1861 do
Mew Shing	1862 do
Ah Ling	1863 do
George	1864 do
Big Jim	1192 Yuhang Road.
Ah Kee	222 Tongshan Rd.
Yung Woo	222A do
Japanese	170 Wuchow Road.
No. 1 Kashing.....	362-3 Harbin Road
No. 2 "	260-1 do
No. 3 "	258-9 do
No. 4 "	257-8 do
No. 5 "	256 do
No. 6 "	255 do
No. 7 "	254 do
No. 8 "	253 do
No. 9 "	251-2 do
No. 10 "	250-1 do
No. 11 "	249 do
No. 12 "	248 do
No. 13 "	247 do
No. 14 "	245-6 do
No. 15 "	243-4 do
No. 16 "	242 do
No. 17 "	241 do
No. 18 "	240 do
No. 19 "	239 do
No. 20 "	237-8 do
No. 21 "	236-7 do
No. 22 "	234-5 do
No. 23 "	233 do
No. 24 "	231-2 do
No. 25 "	229-30 do
No. 26 "	227-8 do
No. 27 "	225-6 do
No. 28 "	223-4 do
No. 29 "	221-2 do
No. 30 "	219-0 do
No. 31 "	217-8 do
No. 32 "	216 do
No. 33 "	212-4 do
No. 34 "	210-1 do
No. 35 "	179 do
No. 36 "	180 do
No. 37 "	181 do
No. 38 "	182 do
No. 39 "	215 do

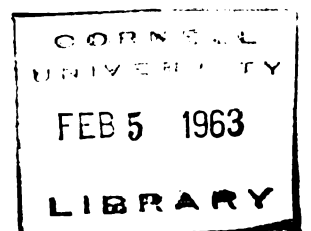
Licensed Laundries.		Licensed Dairies.		Licensed Dairies.	
Dairy.	Situation.	Dairy.	Situation.	Dairy.	Situation.
YungShing Washing Co.	314 Chungking Road	Home Farm	N. Szechuen Road	The Farm	Sicawei Road.
" " "	316 "	Paoshan Dairy	Paoshan	Crawford's Dairy	"
" " "	318 "	Hongkew Dairy	N. Szechuen Road	St. George's Farm	Bubbling Well Road
" " "	301 "	Kong Zung	"	Swiss Farm	"
" " "	311 "	Yong Shu Fong	N. Honan Road.	Culty's Farm	Route d'Oumer
" " "	309 "	Mo Hung Sing	N. Szechuen Road	Tai Woo	French Creek
Woo Kee Washing Co.	259 Taku Road.	Ching Kee	N. Honan Road	Lemke's (Private)	460 A. Paul Brunat.
Doo Foo Washing Co.	55 Yates Road.	Hong Kee	N. Szechuen Road	Hung Fei's Dairy	Bubbling Well Road
Ziang Shing	24 Weiha wei Rd.	Pau hee	N. Honan Road	Zee Butler	601 Burkill Road.
Shanghai Steam Laundry Co. Ltd.	451 "	Shing Chee	"	Gordon Rd. Dairy Co.	1128 Gordon Road.
ShzSing Washing Co.	165 "	Private Dairy	Range Road	Yui Chong	756 Avenue Road.
" " "	104 "	Riverside Farm	76 Yangtzepoo Road	Fok Kyi	1401 "
Yung Sung Washing Co.	210 "	Shanghai Dairy	"	Hop Shing	1 Yu Yuen Road
" " "	210 "	In-shalla Dairy	71 Ward Road.	See Shing	Markham Road.
" " "	210 "	Sung Shing Dairy	Thorburn Road.	Yok Kyi	Medhurst Road.
" " "	210 "	Yangtzepoo Farm	"		
" " "	210 "	Farfield Dairy	19 Kwenming Road		

Summary of Revenue for February.

Description	Estimate	1908			1907			1906		
		Number	Amount	Total from January 1.	Number	Amount	Total from January 1.	Number	Amount	Total from January 1.
LAND TAX.....	Tls. 683,520	—	Tls. cts. —	Tls. cts. —	—	Tls. cts. —	Tls. cts. 398.77	—	Tls. cts. 9.08	Tls. cts. 39.73
GENERAL MUNICIPAL RATE—										
Foreign	443,000	—	575.43	1,395.45	—	291.95	384.45	—	6,584.03	6,696.83
Native	666,000	—	35,798.42	110,145.47	—	25,226.06	90,336.09	—	38,818.06	90,201.73
WHARFAGE DUES.....	175,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
LICENSE FEES—										
Foreign Hotel and Tavern..	6,500	2	130.00	1,283.75	1	15.00	1,372.75	—	—	1,468.75
Foreign Liquor Seller	18,500	4	93.34	4,526.68	—	—	4,626.68	4	160.00	4,426.67
Restaurant	4,700	1	25.00	1,135.00	—	—	1,200.00	—	—	1,320.00
Billiard and Bowling Saloon	700	4	17.50	173.50	—	—	162.00	—	—	168.00
Native Lodging-house	5,800	6	15.34	1,270.36	7	28.74	1,190.32	—	—	1,056.38
Native Wine-shop	9,500	391	822.58	1,827.65	212	560.00	1,919.20	4	13.70	1,762.96
Tea-shop	5,700	539	455.14	945.27	515	437.60	897.81	472	415.11	845.88
Foreign Theatre	1,200	18	153.00	408.00	6	49.00	167.00	12	124.00	187.00
Native Theatre	3,000	23	243.00	490.00	22	223.00	450.50	19	199.00	425.00
Pawn-shop	17,500	197	4,654.48	4,654.48	—	—	—	—	—	—
Opium-shop	4,000	87	345.88	693.78	95	393.73	801.96	118	462.58	955.60
Opium-house	58,000	1,460	4,842.94	9,738.94	1,634	5,305.86	10,663.91	1,674	5,333.24	10,615.43
Cargo Boat	5,800	687	371.40	845.04	663	577.35	929.87	792	435.98	926.26
Ferry or Passenger Boat ...	1,100	57	83.11	164.07	72	105.70	199.65	66	95.40	187.56
Steam Launch.....	2,200	49	71.47	476.35	46	67.53	448.48	49	70.66	336.51
Native Boat.....	3,800	1,211	242.21	588.24	1,107	234.98	526.95	1,399	276.93	547.86
Sampan.....	1,600	130	95.03	261.88	133	97.30	332.25	211	151.91	316.31
Private-owned Pony and Carriage	14,000	P. 30 C. 29	153.99	2,597.21	P. 76 C. 75	273.96	2,852.16	P. 137 C. 123	361.12	2,527.37
Livery Stable	25,000	P. 810 C. 640	2,462.53	4,754.83	P. 849 C. 681	2,629.55	5,078.47	P. 902 C. 721	2,733.00	5,440.33
Motor Car.....	2,100	5	19.66	426.79	5	37.38	297.55	10	33.24	171.72
Cart	17,000	929	1,137.11	3,635.44	853	1,366.34	3,101.23	996	1,240.90	3,194.60
Private-owned Ricscha	40,000	324	478.27	7,421.83	354	520.74	7,770.42	447	702.41	7,369.93
Public Ricscha	95,000	8,354	9,181.45	18,446.55	8,255	9,105.53	18,180.18	7,925	8,578.18	17,092.43
Sedan-chair	5,800	144	221.44	1,412.21	54	114.29	1,252.69	124	273.21	1,752.39
Wheel-barrow	37,000	6,528	2,766.47	6,131.75	5,823	2,476.90	5,962.99	6,347	2,553.17	5,250.19
Firearms	10,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dog	800	211	153.61	315.60	85	61.96	191.46	144	103.97	284.94
RENT OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTIES—										
Markets.....	35,000	2,628	2,855.10	5,895.14	2,298	2,467.73	4,930.19	2,058	2,149.14	4,447.41
Town Hall	1,000	—	86.95	86.95	—	—	—	—	190.00	190.00
Firemen's Quarters.....	1,400	—	147.00	147.00	—	160.00	160.00	—	206.00	206.00
Cadastral Lot 168 C.	700	—	350.00	700.00	—	350.00	700.00	—	—	—
FROM PUBLIC COMPANIES—										
Gas Co., Ltd.....	6,000	—	954.77	954.77	—	443.00	884.53	—	—	—
Mutual Telephone Co., Ltd...	7,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Electric Construction Co., Ltd.	15,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total Tls.	2,429,920		70,003.62	193,949.98		53,621.18	168,370.49		72,274.02	170,411.77

A. JOHNSFORD,

Overseer of Taxes.



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FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 1908.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1903.

THE Council is prepared to receive tenders for the annual supply of PORTLAND CEMENT in such quantities as may be required.

Specifications may be seen, and all necessary information obtained, upon application at the Public Works Office, Hankow Road, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Sealed tenders will be received by the undersigned not later than noon on Saturday, June 27, 1908, and should be marked "Tender for Portland Cement."

The Council does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender, or to pay any expenses which the contractor may incur in tendering. The contractor whose tender is eventually accepted will be required to give satisfactory security for the due performance of the contract.

The names of tenderers, with the prices quoted, will be published for general information.

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, March 27, 1908.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1905.

ROAD EXTENSIONS AND WIDENINGS.

NOTICE is hereby given that plans showing proposed ROAD EXTENSIONS and WIDENINGS in the four Districts of the Settlement as required in Articles VI and VII of the Land Regulations, are now open to inspection at the Public Works Office. Copies thereof, when prepared, will be sent to the several Consular Land Offices.

Landowners and agents are reminded that, under provisions of Land Regulation VII, proprietors have the right, for three months after the publication of notice that the plans are open to inspection, to protest in writing against any road extension or widening therein scheduled, following thereafter the procedure laid down in that Land Regulation.

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, March 27, 1908.

THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, March 25, 1908, at 4.30 p.m., there are present:

Messrs. D. Landale (*Chairman*)
A. W. Burkill
W. D. Little
A. D. Lowe
J. H. McMichael
O. Meuser
W. A. C. Platt
J. Prentice
The Secretary and
Assistant Secretary.

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting and of the Special Meeting of March 21, are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Volunteers.

Upon the recommendation of the Commandant commissions are authorised for issue as follows:—

Ambulance Section.—Lieutenant G. Hanwell, to be Captain.

American Company.—2nd Lieutenant F. J. Raven, to be Lieutenant.

Court of Foreign Consuls.

The petition of A. Bookless, drawn by Messrs. Home & Douglas and claiming damage for wrongful dismissal from the Police Force, is submitted, and the reply thereto, now in preparation by the Legal Adviser, will be made under the direction of the Watch Committee.

Municipal Loans.

The Council is informed that sums aggregating Tls. 130,000 have been accepted provisionally on account of the Loan for 1908, at the rate of 99 and, it is decided to raise the rate of issue to par for the present, and until further notice.

Municipal Properties.

Latrine Sites.—The purchase of the whole of Cadastral lot 596, B. C. No. 5818, in Boundary Road is authorised at the rate of Tls. 9,000 per mow for an area of Mow 0.063. The small lot appears well situated for the purpose for which it is required.

Brenan Piece.—The Council considers a suggestion to metal the roads surrounding this property at an estimated cost of Tls. 1,960, with a view to affording a carriage rest available during the ensuing summer.

The work is considered as desirable, particularly since the Bubbling Well carriage-turn has been partially occupied by the tramway. It is decided, however, that the work must be deferred for the present.

Road Extensions and Widenings.

North Chekiang and North Soochow Roads.—Referring to the arrangement with the native owner of unregistered land at the corner of these roads which took place early last year, the Engineer recommends the further expropriation of an area of Mow 0.037, an improvement rendered desirable by the steepness of the gradient of the Chekiang Road Bridge approach. The compensation claimed, Tls. 550, approximates Tls. 15,000 per mow, and is regarded as reasonable under the circumstances.

Boundary and Haining Roads.—The following correspondence is ordered for publication:—

Shanghai, February 18, 1908.

SIR,—Herewith I am directed to forward for your consideration copy and translation of two letters from the Shanghai Taotai in regard to the filling of the boundary creek between the Shanghai and the Paoshan districts and to the limits of Police jurisdiction at the same place.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

D. SIFFERT,

*Consul General for Belgium
and Senior Consul.*

D. LANDALE, Esq.,

Chairman, Municipal Council.

Translation of letter from the Taotai to the Senior Consul, dated January 30, 1908.

I have to inform you that I have received repeated letters from the Chief Police Office stating that the road at the head of the Paoshan Road and outside the Tien Pao Li, in the Chinese Northern Settlement, is contiguous to the Foreign Settlement, and has hitherto been separated therefrom by the Chuen Hong Pang which forms the boundary. This creek has recently gradually been filled in by the Municipal Council and converted into a road, so that the Settlement boundary is thus somewhat undefined.

I find that the point in question is under the control of the third and fourth roads sub-Police Station. Recently the native policemen on the 2nd section of the North Fourth Road was sent on point duty in the Road outside the Tien Pao Li on the boundary of the Chinese Settlement. The Foreign police stationed at this point, nevertheless suddenly interfered and obstructed, stating that the police of the Chinese Settlement could stand at the doorway of the Tien Pao Li only, and might not come out into the road. In accordance moreover with the verbal statement of the Police Official, Wang, of the 3rd road sub-Station, the head of Paoshan Road is on the boundary of the Foreign Settlement, and the Policeman now sent out by this sub-station is posted on point duty on the boundary of the Settlement entirely in accordance with the former situation of the Chuen Hong Pang. It was a matter for surprise therefore that the Foreign Police at this point on the 15th of the month again came and obstructed, saying that the Police of the Chinese Settlement could stand only on the north of the boundary line set by the creek, and not in the middle of the boundary line so set.

It would seem that the Chuen Hong Pang in fact forms the boundary of the Shanghai and Paoshan districts and that there is a stone situated outside the Settlement which marks this. When the Municipal Council formerly filled up the creek and constructed a road, the Magistrate addressed a petition to the Taotai, who communicated with the Senior Consul, asking him to give directions for the work to be stopped; and stating that there was no record to be traced in his Yamen showing how the Municipal Council concluded a contract with the Railway Company; and that there could therefore be no recognition thereof.

I am now in receipt of a telegram from the Southern Commissioner of Trade directing me to discuss this matter, and must therefore act in compliance. I have thus to state that when foreigners lease land, it must first be surveyed with a view to ascertaining that there is no objection. I have further to enquire whether an application for a title deed was made and how the sale was effected; and since the land in question is Chinese public ground, I have also to enquire what price was paid by the Municipal Council, and what was the number of the deed, and at what time it was issued; and in fine, how the contract with the Railway Co., thus alluded to, was framed.

I thus communicate with you requesting you to be good enough to give directions to make a thorough investigation of these points, and await your reply.

Translation of letter from the Taotai to the Senior Consul dated January 30, 1908.

I have to inform you with reference to my former letter of enquiry as to the constructing of a road without authority

by the Municipal Council at the Shanghai and Paoshan boundary on the Chuen Hong Pang, that I now propose, about the middle of February, to proceed in person with Taotai Wang, Director of the Police Office, and the Magistrates of Shanghai and Paoshan, in order to survey the spot. I have thus to request you to go to this place attended by a member of the Municipal Council.

I hope therefore that you will fix a day upon which you have leisure, and inform me thereof in order that at the time appointed I may go with you to make the survey and discuss matters, thus greatly obliging me.

Council Room,

Shanghai March 25, 1908.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of February 18, forwarding two communications from the Taotai, relating to the filling in of a section of a creek on the Northern Boundary of the Settlement, and to Police action on the site thereof.

The first of these opens with quotation of a report from a native police official named Wang, as to action by the Police at the western extremity of the Haining Road on the site of the Pok Chuen Hong Pang, and ends with comment by the Taotai on the irrelevant question of Boundary Road Creek. This, with the second communication, requesting a rendezvous with yourself in the middle of February to survey the vicinity of the Pok Chuen Hong Pang, indicates some confusion in the minds of the Native Authorities, since the two creeks are entirely separate and situated at a considerable distance one from the other.

Your letter under reply, on the other hand, alludes only to the filling in of Boundary Creek, and in this connexion I have the honour to state that in the Council's reply of March 12, 1907, to your letter of February 19, there is sufficient explanation of the reasons upon which the action taken was based. The Council then endeavoured to convince the Native Authorities that the stones marking the Settlement limits, would, under no circumstances, be moved, and since this assurance has been strictly observed there remains no ground for discussion.

In respect to the alleged action of the Police in the Haining Road, I have the honour to state that the facts appear to be so insignificant that they were not made the subject of any Police report at the time. The district, however, is an obscure one, the creek in question was filled some years ago, and, without reference to the technical question of title deed, the road is clearly a Municipal thoroughfare under the control of the Municipal Police.

The grounds for complaints of this kind are indeed so trivial that I venture to express the hope that the Taotai may be requested to put an end to fruitless correspondence of this type, content with the assurance that, while no aggression will be tolerated, every

care will be taken, so far as the Municipal Police are concerned, to prevent any avoidable friction.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

DAVID LANDALE,

Chairman.

D. SIFFERT, Esq.,

Consul General for Belgium
and Senior Consul.

Chusan Road.—Noting that the owner is unwilling to contribute to the cost of metalling the frontage of Lot 1973, the Council directs that the work remain for the present in abeyance.

Myburgh Road.—In reference to the suggestion to carry this road through from the Bubbling Well Road to the Burkill Road, an offer from the Anglo-French Land Investment Co., Ltd. is authorized for acceptance:—

Shanghai, March 21, 1908.

DEAR SIR,—With reference to our application through Messrs. Davies and Thomas for building permit on Cadastral Lots 300, 306, 312 and 33 Western District we shall be glad of a definite reply as to whether the Myburgh Road Extension between the Burkill and Bubbling Well Road is to be abandoned or not.

If the Council should decide that the Road is to be made we are willing to make a free surrender of the land required from our lots, provided that the work is taken in hand at once.

Yours faithfully,

THE ANGLO-FRENCH LAND INVESTMENT
Co., Ltd.

A. R. BURKILL & SONS,

Agents.

C. MAYNE, Esq.,

Municipal Engineer.

Council Room,

Shanghai, March 27, 1908

GENTLEMEN,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of March 21, and to accept the offer therein contained for the surrender of the scheduled strips of Cadastral lots 300 and 306 which are required for the extension of the Myburgh Road.

Your condition that the work be taken in hand at once can only be carried out if reasonably interpreted, but I am directed to state that the Council has authorised negotiations for the land required for the section of the Road between the Bubbling Well and Burkill Roads, which will be pursued to a conclusion without intermission.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

W. E. LEVESON,

Secretary.

MESSRS. A. R. BURKILL & SONS,

Agents.

The Anglo-French Land Investment
Co., Ltd.

Chengtu Road.—An estimate of the cost of acquiring the land for the section of the road between the Bubbling Well and the Burkill Roads is submitted, amounting to Tls. 16,500. By a suggested deviation of the southern portion, to avoid the destruction of houses on Lot 1246, this price may be reduced by Tls. 3,000. The Works Committee has approved the deviation, but it is decided to take no further action in the matter at present, beyond securing connexion with the Burkill Road for the strip of Lot 336 surrenderable free.

Brenan and Jessfield Roads.—For the improvement of two corners ex U.S. Lot 1369 a sum of Tls. 1,000 is authorized for payment for an area of Mow 0.605. The registered owner, Mr. R. H. Parker, is unable to offer better terms, and, the land being outside the Settlement, the Council considers it advisable to accept the proposal.

Seymour Road.—The suggestion that the section of this road between the Bubbling Well and the Avenue Roads be metalled is disapproved, in the opinion that hereafter the work will be required in the interests of adjoining owners from whom contributions may be collected.

Taku Road.—In accordance with the arrangement made with Mr. H. Morris in December 1902, *vide* Annual Report for that year pp 283/4, surrenders have been made by the Shanghai Land Investment Co. Ltd. at Tls. 1,000 per mow ex Cadastral Lots 1407/9, aggregating Mow 0.402.

Native Land for New Roads.—A report by the Engineer alludes to the fact that the acquisition of the country roads in the Western District is now approaching completion, and that the native Committee in charge finds difficulty in obtaining the remaining pieces of land at the low rates hitherto obtaining. At his suggestion it is decided to increase the rates for the Hart Road and Extensions Nos. 29 and 30 from Tls. 70 to Tls. 100 per mow. With respect to the remainder, payment is authorised at Tls. 200 per mow north of the Sinza Road and Tls. 300 per mow south thereof.

Tramways.

Yangkingpang Bridges.—The correspondence relating to the fitness for the bridge at the Bund to carry the tramway, and to its re-erection or strengthening, is ordered for publication :—

Council Room,

Shanghai, July 20, 1907.

SIR,—As a result of the proposal by the Tramway Concessionaires as to the widening of the bridge crossing the Yangkingpang, connecting the French Bund, the Council, in the view that no widening of the present bridge is likely to prove satisfactory, has authorised the preparation of a plan, a copy of which I forward herewith, showing a new bridge of width 90 feet and span reduced to 45 feet.

A double tramline at this point is doubtless desirable and to this fact the

proposal is primarily due, but apart from this consideration the improvement, in so far as it affects the Foreign Settlement is of no immediate importance. While noting, therefore, that the running of cars of the French Company in this Settlement is a matter of some uncertainty pending and after adjustment of questions relative thereto, the Council considers that payment of the cost involved, in four equal shares by the Councils and the Tramway Companies would be an equitable arrangement, and I am directed to request that this matter may receive the attention of the French Council in order that their consent may be given to the course proposed.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. B. MACKINNON,

Assistant Secretary.

G. LAFERRIERE, Esq.,

Secretary,

French Municipal Council.

Translation of letter from the French Council dated July 29, 1907.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of July 20, relating to the scheme for enlarging Bridge No. 1 of the Yangkingpang.

Herewith I beg to enclose copy of the view taken by the Council on this matter, at its general meeting of July 23.

"After some discussion, the Council decides to request the Municipal Council as follows :—

1. That in accordance with the desire expressed to Mr. Mayne, the Council would have wished that the new bridge be 100 feet in width instead of 90 feet.

2. That as a matter of principle, the Council accepts the view that the cost of the work in question should be borne in equal parts by the two Municipalities and the two Companies concerned, including naturally the juncture of the new abutment with the bunding of the Quai de France and Quai du Yangkingpang.

At the same time the Council would be glad if the Municipal Council would furnish plans and estimates of the proposed bridge as early as possible, for approval and submission to the French Tramway Company for their approval."

I am, Sir, etc,

G. LAFERRIERE,

Secretary.

J. B. MACKINNON, Esq.,

Assistant Secretary, Municipal Council.

Council Room,

Shanghai, August 7, 1907.

SIR,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of July 29 on the subject of the proposed new bridge over the Yangkingpang.

In reply I am directed to inform you that noting the French Council's approval of the suggestion that the cost be borne in four equal shares by the Councils and the Tramway Companies, the Council accedes to the proposal that the new bridge be 100 feet instead of 90 feet in width.

Drawings and estimates which are in course of preparation by the Engineer will be forwarded to you as soon as possible.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. B. MACKINNON,

Assistant Secretary.

G. LAFERRIERE, Esq.,

Secretary,

French Municipal Council.

Council Room,

Shanghai, December 20, 1907.

SIR,—Referring to the Council's letter of August 7 I am now directed to hand you, herein enclosed, a drawing of the projected new bridge over the Yangkingpang, 100 feet in width and with a clear span of 44 feet.

The estimated cost of construction after allowing for the value of old material is Tls. 77,072, and the Council will be glad to learn whether the French Council and the French Tramway Company are prepared to contribute each one fourth of this amount. The question is one which requires early consideration inasmuch as the necessary provision will require to be made in the forthcoming Budget of Expenditure for 1908.

I am to state in conclusion that detailed information as to the works may be obtained if necessary by the Engineer to the French Council upon application to the Municipal Engineer, Mr. C. Mayne.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. E. LEVESON,

Secretary.

G. LAFERRIERE, Esq.,

Secretary,

French Municipal Council.

Translation of letter from the French Council, dated February 10, 1908.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of December 20, 1907, in which you have been good enough to communicate to the Council a scheme for the reconstruction of the Yangkingpang Bridge, together with an estimate of the price, Tls. 77,072.

In reply, I am directed to inform you that the Council on January 28 last, carefully considered this question, and is of opinion that the sum involved is too high, and that the part which falls to its share is in excess of the outlay originally intended. Furthermore it has reason to believe that the French Tramway Company could not agree to such an expense. The Council has therefore given orders to its Engineer with a view to another scheme being arranged, particulars of which will be forwarded to you as soon as formulated.

The Council, taking advantage of the fact that the question of the Yangkingpang is again brought forward, begs to draw the attention of the Municipal Council to the culverting of this creek, which will once and for all resolve the difficulties which arise by reason of its position.

The Council is unanimously of opinion that the only solution of the difficulty which can give satisfaction not only to the inhabitants of the Settlement who would welcome this measure from the point of view of the public health, but also to the respective Councils by reason of the traffic which daily becomes more congested, is the culverting of this creek.

The Council is anxious to communicate with its colleagues of the neighbouring Settlement with a view to formulating some scheme for the execution of this work.

I am, Sir, etc.,

G. LAFERRIERE,
Secretary.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,
Secretary, Municipal Council.

Translation of letter from the French Council, dated March 7, 1908.

SIR,—With reference to my letter of February 10, I am directed to forward to you the alternative plan proposed by our Engineer for the enlargement of the Yangkingpang Bridge No. 1.

The principal modifications therein included, which have been laid down with a view to obviating any difficulty in connection with the traffic, are the following :—

1.—Removal of the footway on the west side of the bridge.

2.—The laying down of a tramway track upon strengthened steel girders in place of the above footway.

3.—The erection, on the west side of the present bridge, of an adjoining bridge with wood paving, allowing a causeway of 9m.68., and, on the western side, a footway of 1m.30.

The second tramway line would be placed on the old bridge which, later on, can, if so desired, be replaced by a widening of the new one.

As regards the cost of the proposed enlargement, calculated upon the scale of charges of the Municipal Council, it will be about Tls. 30,500.

Our Engineer, Monsieur Lecoy de la Marche, is happy to place his services at the disposal of Mr. Mayne, and to furnish him with all necessary particulars of the scheme.

I am, Sir, etc.,

G. LAFERRIERE,
Secretary.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,
Secretary, Municipal Council.

Council Room,
Shanghai, March 27, 1908.

SIR,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of March 7, on the subject of the Yangkingpang Bridge, and to state that the Council is prepared to accept the proposal therein set forth, on the understanding that :—

- (i) the new western footway be made identical with that on the east ;
- (ii) adequate arrangements be made for strengthening the existing bridge ;

(iii) new abutments be put in for the new bridge ;

(iv) the final plans and estimates be submitted for the Council's approval.

I am to suggest that the Engineers to the two Councils hold a further conference in the matter, and that the proposal that the cost of the works be borne in four equal shares by the Councils and the Tramway Companies be formally ratified.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

J. DANTIN, Esq.,
Acting Secretary,
French Municipal Council.

Cadastral Office.

The following correspondence, is ordered for publication, for purposes of record.

Council Room,

Shanghai, March 5, 1907.

SIR,—I have the honour to inform you that the procedure in reference to land registration adopted by the Consular Body in 1900, which was the subject of correspondence between the Council and the American Consulate in 1903, has not during the past year been observed by your Land Office with the regularity which the Council was led to anticipate from past assurances on this subject.

The Council is informed that, during the concluding six months of the past year, out of a total of twenty-seven title deeds registered, in no fewer than fourteen instances notice as to the date of official measurement was omitted. As a consequence of this, inexact measurements are conducted by the native land office, while the Council is deprived of the usual ready means of locating the land in question for purposes of taxation. In two cases only advance copies of official plans were forwarded before the issue of deeds, while production of the Council's certificate as to the erection of boundary stones was made the condition of issue of title deeds on four occasions only, and irregularity with regard to forwarding the list of transfers, formerly a subject of complaint, is of late again noticeable.

I venture to refer to the Council's letter of July 10, 1903, which relates to these points, also to a communication from the Consul General dated March 2, 1905, and, in view of the public need fulfilled by the Cadastral Office, and of its growing importance as the sole means of preserving a central and comprehensive record, to express the hope that the Council may in future rely upon the desired co-operation on the part of your Land Office.

In the confidence that you will recognise the urgency of universal observance of the uniform system in vogue with regard to land tenure in and about the Settlement, the Council is assured that grounds for

further representations upon the subject will speedily be removed.

I have honour to be,
Sir,

Your obedient servant,

HARRY DE GRAY,
Acting Chairman.

J. L. RODGERS, Esq.,
American Consul General.

Shanghai, March 6, 1907.

SIR.—I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your communication of March 5, 1907, calling my attention to certain irregularities in our land office work. In reply I beg to state that I find your complaint in that respect justified by the facts. The reason for this has been principally on account of lack of clerical force in the land office, though I must admit that neglect was also an element. I have instructed the land office to observe the system carefully hereafter and I am sure there will be no further grounds for protest as to deeds for Settlement lands. It is my understanding that there is difficulty in complying with the rules when the lot is in Chinese territory.

I am, Sir,

Very respectfully,

JAS. L. RODGERS,
American Consul General.

H. DE GRAY, Esq.,
Acting Chairman, Municipal Council.

Council Room,

Shanghai, December 7, 1907.

SIR,—With reference to the Council's letter to your predecessor of March 5 last, and to his reply of the following day, concerning certain irregularities in Land Office work, I have the honour to bring to your notice the fact that little if any improvement has taken place since that date in the methods of notification to the Municipal Cadastral Office of details of land registration and land transfer.

Quoting from a report from the Municipal Engineer I have the honour to state that during 1907 eighty-one new title deeds have been issued, but in only ten cases has application been made for boundary stone certificates. In twenty-seven cases no notification of appointment for official measurement has been received, and in four cases only have advance copies of official plans been furnished. When official measurements have been postponed the date of re-measurement has in only two instances been given, and the measurement notices are frequently sent by telephone, or received at so late an hour that it is impossible for the representative of the Cadastral Office to attend.

It is a matter of common report that for certain reasons it is easier to obtain deeds through the American Land Office than through those of the British or German Consulates General. In cases of properties held in trust for natives it is not uncommon for an owner when seeking registration for his land, to stipulate that it should be registered at the American Consulate General. Recent returns show that original application

is frequently made in the name of an American citizen, and, after the deed is issued, the land is transferred to the name of a British subject. These transfers have been observed within three days of the issue of the deed, and in six cases the transfer has been effected on the same day, no notification of the original registration having been given.

Evidence is not lacking that the officer in charge of the American Land Office is aware of the mode of procedure to which I have alluded, since his own name is not uncommonly used for purposes of the original deed, and the attention of the Council has been drawn to the fact that at present no less than 33 lots, of an area aggregating about Mow 120, stand registered in his name.

In conclusion I have the honour to express the Council's hope that more regular methods may be introduced into this land work, and that through your good offices similar transactions to those to which I have alluded may be, so far as is possible, discouraged.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

DAVID LANDALE,
Chairman.

C. DENBY, Esq.,

American Consul-General.

Shanghai, December 26, 1907.

SIR,—I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your communication No. 07/716 of December 7, as to irregularities in land office work. I have to express my regret that press of work should have caused delay in replying.

The maintaining of a central, comprehensive record of land transactions in Shanghai commends itself to all interested in the orderly conduct of the Settlement and the efforts of this Consulate General will be zealously devoted thereto.

I have already given instructions that the procedure as to land registration adopted in 1900 is to be faithfully followed in this office. Failure to comply with these instructions, or other irregularity will be promptly inquired into and rectified.

As to the details of your letter under acknowledgement, I am informed by the officer in charge of land office work that he has done all in his power to send to the Municipal Engineer monthly records of issues or transfers of title deeds. If there have been failures or omissions to make such reports it has been due to press of other work and not to wilful negligence.

As to the eighty-one title deeds from only ten of which applications have been made for boundary stones, the explanation is that the ten lots were within the Settlement limits and the balance outside the Settlement. The majority of applications for title deeds are for lots beyond

the settlement limits. The proper recording thereof should commend itself to those interested in the possible future extension of the settlement.

It has been an invariable rule of the Land Office of this Consulate General to send notification of an official measurement to the Municipal Engineer as soon as such notice reaches this office from the Chinese Land Office. On several occasions it has happened that this notice arrived here so late that a chit by coolie could hardly reach the Municipal Engineer in time, in which cases he has been communicated with by telephone. The Chinese Land Office explains the several cases of late notice by the fact that the weather suddenly cleared up, making it still possible to go measuring that day. For land measuring beyond the settlement limits, the Chinese Land Office refused to send word and there seems no power in this Consulate General to compel them to do so. It would seem that the co-operation of the Municipal Engineer in making such land measurements would be of assistance to the Chinese authorities themselves, but if said authorities do not care to take advantage thereof it seems questionable whether it is wise to try to force them to do so. I should be pleased to hear from you further as to this point.

As to the "common report that for certain reasons it is easier to obtain deeds through the American Land Office than through those of the British or German Consulates General", the explanation appears to be that the comparative increase of applications for title deeds at the American Land Office arises from the abolition of official charges, only a translation fee being now allowed, but even under these favorable circumstances for securing deeds, the American Land Office has only sixteen hundred title deeds on its register, with six thousand or more at the British Land Office, which seems to be in fair proportion.

With regard to the charge that frequently the original application is made by an American and then transferred to a British subject, I have to state that there appears to be no rule forbidding this practice. There are several possible explanations thereof. In some cases a loan with the property as security is the real cause of the transfer. In others it is found that the original applicant is a member or employee of a British or other foreign firm and that the transfer is made to said foreigner on terms into which there seems no occasion to inquire.

It is true that the name of the officer in charge of the American Land Office frequently appears upon original deeds, the explanation whereof being that said officer has been lending money against a number of small lots for purposes of investment and takes the title in his name for his protection. This has been done with the full knowledge and consent of the American Consul General at the time. I have to inform you, however, that a recent order from the Department of State forbidding investments by American Consular

Officers within their districts will remove this particular ground of complaint.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. DENBY,
American Consul General

DAVID LANDALE, Esq.,
Chairman, Municipal Council.

Council Room,

Shanghai, February 5, 1908.

SIR,—I have the honour to express the Council's appreciative thanks for your letter of December 26 last, and for the exhaustive investigation which you have conducted into the procedure with respect to land registration, including the formalities connected with the due notification of all transactions to the Municipal Cadastral Office.

Further than this Mr. Cloud has made personal enquiries as to the Cadastral Office requirements, expressing willingness to co-operate to the full extent of his power in keeping the schedules upon a correct and regular basis. The Council has thus reason to believe that there will arise no further cause for complaint in this respect.

There are however four points to which the Council desires to draw attention before leaving the subject:—

Your letter states that of the 81 lots for which no certificates have been issued only 10 are within Settlement limits. The Council is advised, however, that the following lots are within Settlement limits for which deeds were issued without this formality:—

Nos.	1127	1378	1398	1432
	1128	1383	1402	1451
	1330	1385	1428	1463
	1346	1388	1429	1473
	1347	1394	1430	1501
	1360	1396	1431	1515

The fact that lots are beyond limits is not one which should preclude sending particulars, since the Council is, at the suggestion of the Consular Body, extending its supervision also over the registration of land on the outskirts.

In respect to notices of measurement it would be desirable that the Native Land office should be officially requested to observe greater regularity, and I venture to suggest that a communication from yourself on the subject would be calculated to effect this improvement.

Finally I would ask that in all details of land procedure the methods in force in the British Land Office may be followed by that of your Consulate General. The number of lots there registered is, as you have observed, considerable, but the system of notification, and the accuracy of the list published by the British Office are such as to ensure accuracy from the standpoint of the Cadastral Office.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

DAVID LANDALE,
Chairman.

C. DENBY, Esq.,

American Consul General.

Shanghai, February 14, 1908.

SIR,—In reply to your letter of February 5, I have the honor to enclose herewith a report from Dr. Barchet, who up to a recent date has been in charge of the land office of this Consulate.

The first two land transfers mentioned by you date back to 1903, and I find no record as to why certificates were not issued therefor. Failure to apply for a certificate for Lot No. 1515, was an error for which Dr. Barchet admits himself responsible. The failure in the other cases is explained by the fact that Dr. Barchet acting on the statement of the Chinese employee in the land office believed them to be out of settlement limits.

Unsatisfactory as the conduct of the American land office has been heretofore, it is hoped that greater care in future, assisted by accurate maps, such as are now about to be furnished will atone therefor.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. DENBY,

American Consul-General.

DAVID LANDALE, ESQ.,

Chairman, Municipal Council.

Enclosure.

Shanghai, February 12, 1908.

DEAR SIR:—In reply to the four points to which the Chairman of the Municipal Council draws your attention, with regard to the Land office.

I have to state that I was not in charge of the Land office, when Title Deeds for U. S. Lots 1127-8 were issued, but as to U. S. Lot 1515, I am responsible, as it was duly marked by the Chinese writer to be within Settlement limits and I am to blame for omitting application for boundary stones. Particulars however were sent to the Cadastral office in the monthly returns.

Respecting the rest of the matters referred to the No. 1 Chinese writer confesses, that he did not know himself that those lots were within settlement limits. If the Cadastral office could issue a plan, clearly marking settlement boundaries, according to Chinese descriptions in "pao," "Tu" and "Yu," it would be a great help to the Land officer and make him more or less independent of the assertion of the writer.

This difficulty will entirely disappear, if the Chinese land office can be made to see the reasonableness of the Municipal Council's extending its supervision also over the registration of land on the outskirts, with its resulting benefits to all concerned—but in pressing this point with the Taotai, we run the risk that Chinese authorities will still further circumscribe or reduce the area in which foreigners are allowed to secure Consular Title-Deeds. That the native land office should observe greater regularity, is most desirable. This can be brought about by a request to the effect to the land office, direct—or later, if ineffectual, through the Taotai.

As the British and American Land offices are working in harmony, there is every prospect that the Cadastral office, will in future, get all the necessary information about land transfers and issue of Title Deeds.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

S. P. BARCHET.

HON. CHAS. DENBY,
Consul General.

Public School for Chinese.

The minutes of the meeting of the Public School for Chinese Committee of March 12 are read and confirmed. There were present:—

The Reverend A. J. Walker (*Chairman*)

Messrs. J. C. Ferguson

A. D. Lowe

Shen Tun-ho

Chu Lan-fong

The Headmaster and
Assistant Secretary,

Attendance.—From the register submitted for inspection it is noted that the number of pupils has reached 404. In reply to an enquiry by the Chairman as to the maximum number which the School can possibly contain, the Headmaster states that with 427 pupils the existing accommodation would be taxed to the utmost, and that to hold this number it would be necessary to provide extra forms and desks. Acceptance of pupils to this limit is authorised, and it is noted that the Committee's view that 300 would be a suitable limit, as formerly recorded, has thus in practice been modified.

Staff.—Discussion follows as to the necessity for engaging an additional foreign master, and the members consider that in view of the rapid increase in the number of pupils this course may be recommended. The Chairman undertakes during his absence in England to aid in the selection of a suitable candidate, who will arrive at the end of the summer vacation.

The fact that no provision for this addition to the staff is made in the estimates for the year is noted, but the members observe that these were based upon the assumption that the number of pupils would not exceed 325 and that the additional fees received will compensate for the extra cost.

Annual Meeting of Ratepayers.

Rules of Procedure.—Letter from the Chairman of the recent meeting is read as to his ruling in respect to the vote of a ratepayer absent when his name

was called. Sir Havilland de Sausmarez suggests that in future the doors of the Hall be closed when the poll is called for, and re-opened before the declaration of the poll. This proposal appears to the Council to be satisfactory, and it is decided to refer the question of amending the Rules of Procedure accordingly to the Legal Adviser.

3 Yates Road.

March 23, 1908.

SIR,—The question raised as to whether a Ratepayer who was not present when his name was read out, was entitled to vote at the poll at the Ratepayers' Meeting last Friday, is one of interest, and I therefore wish to inform the Ratepayers through you of my opinion.

By Land Regulation XIX "every foreigner" who pays certain taxes "shall be entitled to vote.....at the public meetings."

The Rules of Procedure provide for a poll in practically the same form as did the Rules of Procedure of 1869; in both rules the Secretary is to read the list and "each voter present shall, as his name is read, declare whether he votes in the affirmative or negative."

The Rules of Procedure were passed at the commencement of the proceedings by votes recorded under Land Regulation XIX and the voters agreed to be bound by them. The ratepayer in question did not declare his vote as his name was read. I must therefore conclude that his votes were correctly omitted.

I may perhaps be allowed to suggest that in future no person should be allowed to record his vote unless he is present when a poll is demanded, the first and last ratepayers on the list would then be in an equal position. At present a person coming in half an hour after the debate has finished can, if his name is low down on the list, record a vote. Probably the best plan would be to shut the doors before the first name is called and keep them closed until the voting is over, opening them before the declaration of the poll.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

H. W. DE SAUSMAREZ.

THE CHAIRMAN,
Municipal Council.

Council Room,

Shanghai, March 30, 1908.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of March 23, written as a result of the claim of a voter at the recent Annual Meeting of Ratepayers to record his vote, although not present when his name was called in accordance with No. 8 of the Rules of Procedure.

Your ruling that he is not so entitled is minuted, and the suggestion that the votes be allowed only of those present when a poll is called for, will be embodied in the Rules presented for adoption at the next Annual Meeting.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

DAVID LANDALE,

Chairman.

SIR HAVILLAND DE SAUSMAREZ.

The meeting adjourns at 6.45 p.m.

The following documents are ordered for publication with the foregoing minutes.

Health Department.**Notification of Infectious Disease.**

The following have been reported during the week ending March 29, 1908.	Deaths among Chinese population of 530,000	Cases notified among Non-Chinese population
Small-pox.	5	1
Cholera.	0	0
Typhoid Fever.	—	0
Diphtheria.	0	1
Scarlet Fever.	7	3
Tuberculosis.	17	0
Total Deaths from all Causes	103	4

ARTHUR STANLEY,

Health Officer.

**Report of
Captain-Superintendent of
Police for February.**

**Strength of the Force on February 29,
1908.**

Officers...	...	...	...	...	7
Foreigners	...	...	...	...	179
Indians	...	...	...	...	413
Chinese	...	...	...	...	723
Total					1322

One of the chief cases of general interest to dwellers in the Settlement during the last month was that known as the Watch Club case. It is only necessary to refer to the part taken in the affairs of the Club by the public in order to draw attention to the peculiar character of this and similar institutions which exist in the Settlement, and to warn the public against them. The Club started under the auspices of J. Black, an American citizen, and was carried on by a Company whose manager was Ivor Thomas, a British subject. The end of the trial of the latter in the Supreme Court for fraud and conspiracy resulted in an acquittal, but in the course of summing up the Judge was pleased to describe the Watch Club and its methods as follows:—

"If this inquiry" said the Judge "has had no other useful end I think it has had a useful end in unmasking and showing up a scheme which cannot possibly be an honest one, and one which is extremely likely to lead, with its somewhat tempting propositions, to the delusion of a number of Chinese living in this country."

Among other Clubs to which I desire to draw attention are:—

(A) The Chinese Swiss Watch Club, 25 Nanking Road, run by a Portuguese subject named Encarnacao, employed at Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

(B) The General Supply Watch Club, 60 Kiangse Road, run by a native Z. Cumine, residing at East Gate.

(C) The Shanghai Chinese Gold Chain Club, 153 Shantung Road, conducted by two British subjects named Lind and Kinchela, employed at the China Mutual Life Insurance Company, 13 Canton Road.

(D) The Nye Yih Pure Gold Watch Chain Club, 411 Nanking Road, run by S. B. Shen.

2.—During the month of February a brutal murder was committed near the Soochow Creek at the northern end of the Gordon Road. This murder was shortly followed by another murderous assault not far from the same spot, which has not hitherto proved fatal. Both occurrences can without any doubt be laid to the score of boatmen alias robbers who have taken refuge from Chinese jurisdiction in the Soochow Creek where ruffians of the same class are practically safe from arrest or even from being overlooked. That the object in both cases was robbery or that the cause of each assault was probably a squabble for the division of spoil is beside the question, the point to which it is desired to direct attention is this; viz, that in the Soochow Creek in the very heart of the Settlement we still find a refuge where robbers, pirates, and loafers of all kinds may harbour practically uncontrolled, and whence they may issue under cover of night to reinforce the already too numerous Chinese criminals who frequent the International Settlement. In drawing attention to the presence of this lawless class it may be asked why the Police cannot obtain full control over them; the answer is unfortunately simple and it is this. The deterrent effect of such punishments as the Mixed Court has the power to give has been proved to be utterly inadequate. The lower class of Chinese criminal cannot be controlled by gentle means or by such farcical punishments as deportation. It is well known that there is only one method in China by which the criminal classes in this Settlement can be coerced, viz, bambooning, and to demand that the criminal class in this Settlement, a large and daring one, shall be kept in order without the use of this method is to ask the impossible.

3.—The inauguration of the tramway service has been a feature of the past month. With the extension of the service and if it should be adopted by the Foreign Community as an ordinary means of locomotion, it is reasonable to hope that a partial solution of the traffic problem is already in sight.

Here follow tables of persons coming under the notice of Police for criminal and other purpose, punishments inflicted, prisoners in custody, vehicles licenses suspended and confiscated, dogs captured, etc., value of property stolen and recovered, and warrants and summonses.

C. D. BRUCE,

Captain-Superintendent of Police.

Return of Persons coming under Notice of Police for Criminal and other offences.

Offence.	Foreigners.	Natives.	Total.
(a.) OFFENCES AGAINST THE PERSON:—			
Murder		3	3
Manslaughter... ..		1	1
Attempted suicide		5	5
Cutting and wounding		4	4
Assault	3	60	63
Kidnapping	1	13	14
Cruelty to Women and Children... ..		3	3
Bringing false charges		1	1
(b.) OFFENCES AGAINST RIGHTS OF PROPERTY:—			
Robbery		11	11
Embezzlement		4	4
Extortion		7	7
Burglary		27	27
Housebreaking		3	3
Obtaining goods by false pretences		9	9
Fraud		4	4
Receiving stolen property		9	9
Unlawful possession		32	32
Arson		1	1
Malicious Injury		2	2
Criminal negligence (fires)		7	7
Larceny	1	294	295
Civil Offences:—			
Debt		17	17
Breach of contract		5	5
Others		3	3
(c.) ACTS INJURIOUS TO THE PUBLIC:—			
Common nuisances		1069	1069
Vagrancy		56	56
Returning after expulsion		15	15
Disorderly conduct	18	107	125
Soliciting prostitution	1	3	4
Depositing garbage		32	32
Traffic:—			
Furious driving		13	13
Obstruction		1297	1297
Publishing indecent or injurious documents		1	1
Trading in arms with robbers		1	1
Arms, unlawfully carrying	1		1
Public gambling		115	115
Illegal arrest		1	1
Breach of license conditions:—			
Liquor	1	4	5
Dog	12	3	15
Opium shop		8	8
Lodging house		1	1
Dairy		3	3
Pawnshop		1	1
Cruelty to animals		6	6
(d.) NOT CHARGED.			
Beggars, Hawkers, Ragpickers		2822	2822
Others	37	129	166
TOTAL	75	6212	6287

Return of Sentences.

Sentence.	Foreigners	Natives	Total
Imprisonment	10	314	324
Cangue		17	17
Expulsion		3	3
Fined	26	231	257
Imprisonment and cangue		5	5
„ „ expulsion		82	82
„ „ cangue and expulsion		4	4
Sent on board ship for trial	2		2
Cangue and expulsion		1	1
Bail forfeited		2443	2443
Cautioned		20	20
Dismissed		38	38
Released on Security		39	39
Left to Court		33	33
Handed to parents or guardians		4	4
Sent to Reformatory		2	2
„ Slave Girls Refuge		4	4
„ Sinza Refuge		2	2
„ Door of Hope		4	4
„ the City		11	11
„ Paoshan		1	1
Pony confiscated		1	1
Charge withdrawn		2	2

Prisoners in Custody

on February 29, 1908.

Central Station	87
Louza Station	99
Hongkew Station	106
West Hongkew Station	58
Harbin Road Sub-Station	11
Wayside Station	38
Gaol	764
Yangtszepoo Station	21
Sinza Station	38
Bubbling Well Station	14
Total	1236

Vehicle Licenses.

	Suspended	Confiscated
Ricsha ...	647	1300
Wheelbarrow	21	10
Handcart ...	—	4
Total...	668	1314

Value of Property Stolen between

Feb. 1, 1908 and Feb. 28, 1908.

	Dollars
Stolen	18,184.81
Recovered	8,572.45

Warrants and Summonses.

Warrants executed ...	25
Summonses served ...	69

Dogs.

Captured	106
Returned	22
Killed	132
Remaining at Kennels ...	10

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FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 1908.

THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, April 1, 1908, at 4.30 p.m., there are present :

Messrs. D. Landale (*Chairman*)
A. W. Burkill
W. D. Little
A. D. Lowe
J. H. McMichael
O. Meuser
W. A. C. Platt
J. Prentice
The Secretary and
Assistant Secretary.

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Volunteers.

"A" Company.—Upon the recommendation of the Commandant, the commission of Captain H. W. Pilcher is authorised for renewal.

Annual Inspection.—A report from the Commandant informs the members that the General Officer Commanding the Troops in South China will inspect the Corps on the Public Recreation Ground on April 3 at 6 p.m., and that a field parade, [*subsequently abandoned owing to bad weather*] will be held between the Rifle Range and Chiangwan on the ensuing day at 3.15 p.m.

Police.

Foreign Branch.—The following are appointed 3rd Class Constables, being the draft of 15 recruits engaged through the London Agents, who arrived on April 1 :—

J. Anderson
J. Barr
J. Bromly
A. Bryson
E. L. Gladwish
J. Goodfellow
C. H. Lilley
C. E. MacGillycuddy
J. McFarlane
A. Marshall
A. G. Miller
C. Shorter
T. Walls
B. A. Wilkinson
R. Wilson

Monthly Reports.—In substitution for the Weekly Returns of Apprehensions heretofore laid on the table and published, the Captain-Superintendent forwards Police general reports for the months of January and February, which are authorised for publication in future in the Municipal Gazette.

By this means the Captain-Superintendent will be afforded an opportunity of drawing public attention to any matter of Police administration which assumes prominence during the month, and otherwise of collating and summarising the work of the Force. The criminal and other statistics appended to the reports are tabulated in a new and approved form.

Watch Clubs.—Replies are submitted from the four proprietors recently notified that their undertakings are regarded as lotteries under Byelaw XXXIV. Therefrom it is noted that periods of between one and three months are named, within which operations will gradually cease. A Police Report is read indicating immediate repayment of all contributions as the best method of closure, and it is decided in the first place to require that all the undertakings be closed within one month, pointing out that this result may be obtained either by returning to each member the sum already paid for chances, or by permitting the amount of the chances not yet due, to be paid up forthwith.

In the event of inability or unwillingness to comply with this decision, dissolution of the clubs will be caused through Police intervention in such more stringent manner as appears suitable.

Dollar Notes.—From a Police report submitted it appears that there are three types of native dollar notes circulating in the Settlement, which are not accepted by the foreign banks and stores, issued respectively in Nanking, Soochow and Shanghai. The Council is of opinion that acceptance of these notes should be refused if proffered in payment of taxes or other Municipal demand notes. The more general question of their currency and effect upon trade appears one for consideration by the Chamber of Commerce, and it is decided in the first place to draw the attention of the Chamber to the matter.

Hotel and Restaurant Licenses.

From the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Watch Committee held on March 27, it is noted that of the eighteen applications enumerated in Municipal Notification No. 1900, only that for

No. 3 Yuyuen Road was approved. At that meeting a petition was submitted against the opening of further premises in Broadway, signed by Messrs. Duncan Glass, the Rev. H. M. Trickett and forty-nine others; of these Mr. Trickett attended in person, and upon being informed of the decision expressed his gratification. The Committee's opinion was based, both upon close scrutiny of the applications and personal inspection of certain of the premises, which revealed no circumstances justifying departure from the view of previous Councils that Hongkew is liberally supplied with establishments of the kind.

This decision is in accordance with the policy of recent years and is unanimously confirmed by the Council, while it is noted that if hardship is shown to have been inflicted in any single case, an appeal will be considered upon its merits, and that should any of the existing houses be closed during the year, another will be permitted in its place.

Dangerous Materials.

A letter from the Asiatic Petroleum Co., Ltd., contains proposals for the establishment of a godown for the distribution of benzine in retail quantities. No objection to this course will be raised provided the site and structural and other arrangements are approved by the Health Officer, and subject to the usual sanction of plans submitted.

The framing of license conditions for explosive materials is receiving the attention of the Health Officer, and it is noted that the matter is one requiring considerable time for comprehensive treatment.

Sanitation beyond Limits.

The Police Daily Reports of March 16 and 23 refer to the placing of a large number of coffins immediately beyond the limits of the Settlement near Harbin Road Sub-Station. Since representations by the Health Department to the local petty Officials have failed, it is decided to communicate the facts to the Consular Body and to request that steps be taken by the Native Authorities for removal.

Fire Brigade.

In accordance with the Watch Committee's recommendation on the subject of the future procedure for the management of the Brigade after separation of the French Company, it is decided that this work be undertaken by the Committee upon lines identical with

those in force in respect to the Volunteer Corps. In regard to the routine to be observed, all communications on Brigade matters will in future be addressed to the Secretary for submission direct.

A report by the Chief Engineer is read forwarding a letter from the Foreman of No. 1 Company as to disregard by the Tramway employes of the right of way pertaining to the trucks of the Fire Brigade, and referring to an accident which occurred on March 24 on Avenue Road. It is decided to draw the attention of the Company again to the matter, and to embody provision in the code of byelaws now in preparation in this respect.

In the same report allusion is made to delay in ringing the alarm at the Central Police Station in compliance with the telephone message of a foreigner, and to the fact that a Constable was first sent to verify the case. It is considered that this precaution is necessary only in the case of native warnings, and that when foreigners give the alarm no verification is, as a rule, needed.

Municipal Properties.

Latrines.—From the Budget appropriation of Tls. 2,000 for the construction of latrines, the Council approves the erection of one in Hongkew Park and one in Boundary Road on Cadastral Lot 596, recently acquired.

Landing Stages.

Taiping Road Jetty.—The following letters, relating to the public landing facilities at this point, are ordered for publication :—

Council Room,

Shanghai, March 27, 1908.

GENTLEMEN,—Referring to the correspondence between your Company and the Council in April, 1887, on the subject of the connecting bridge opposite the end of the Taiping Road, it is reported to the Council that a flat bridge has been substituted for the curved one heretofore existing, with the result that the headway has been reduced from 7 to 4½ feet.

This reduction constitutes an impediment to, and restricts, the traffic at this point, and the Council desires that you may be good enough to take steps for the restoration of the condition formerly existing.

I am to remind you that the bridge is removable at the Council's pleasure at any time on the grounds that it is a public inconvenience.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

W. E. LEVESON,

Secretary.

THE MANAGERS,

The China Merchants' Steam Navigation Co.

Shanghai, March 30, 1908.

DEAR SIR,—Your communication of the 27th inst., addressed to the Managers of The China Merchants' S. N. Co., has been handed to me. In reply thereto, I beg to say, I regret very much the oversight in the construction of the new connecting bridge opposite the end of Taiping Road, which you point out is not in accordance with the Agreement of April, 1887, between my Company and the Council, which was unknown to the writer. The matter shall be adjusted at the earliest possible moment.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

C. M. S. N. Co.'s Hongkew, Eastern and Yang-kah-du Wharves,

T. H. HARRIS,

General Manager.

Road Extensions and Widenings.

Fokien and Kiukiang Roads.—The correspondence relating to the widening of these roads ex Cadastral Lot 381 is ordered for publication.—

March 14, 1908.

DEAR SIR,—With reference to your letter of January 29, covering plan showing the land required to be surrendered from the above lot for the purpose of widening the Fokien and Kiukiang Roads, I am instructed by the owners to inform you that they now contemplate rebuilding, and if required to surrender the strips in question they will require compensation at the assessed value together with 10 per cent for compulsory sale.

Their claim will thus be 0. 0. 5. 4 at	
Tls. 25,000 per	
mow	Tls. 1,350.00
10 per cent for compulsory sale	135.00
	<hr/> Tls. 1,485.00

I shall be glad to hear from you whether these terms are agreeable to the Council.

Yours faithfully,

WALTER SCOTT.

C. MAYNE, Esq.,

Municipal Engineer.

Council Room.

Shanghai, March 27, 1908.

SIR,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of March 14, addressed to the Municipal Engineer, containing your claim for the surrender of Mow 0.054 ex Lot 381, required for the widening of the Fokien and Kiukiang Roads.

The Council is prepared to accept this claim provided you are willing, as a matter of principle, to admit betterment on the frontage of the latter road which is at present less than 30 feet in width. Where widening to 40 feet is scheduled in purely native streets, no betterment is held to accrue as a result of the additional 10 feet.

The amended calculation will be as follows:—

Fokien Road Mow	
0.042 at Tls. 25,000	
per mow	Tls. 1,050
Plus 10 per cent ...	105
	<hr/> 1,155
Kiukiang Road Mow	
0.012 at Tls. 25,000	
per mow	Tls. 300
Less ½ for betterment.	100
	<hr/> 200
Plus 10 per cent...	20
	<hr/> 220
	<hr/> Tls. 1,375

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. E. LEVESON,

Secretary.

WALTER SCOTT, Esq.

Shanghai, April 3, 1908.

DEAR SIR,—In reply to yours of the 27th ultimo, I am authorized by the owners of Cad. Lot 381 Central to agree to the modification in the terms of surrender proposed by the Council.

The sum payable will therefore, per your letter, amount to Tls. 1,375.00.

Yours faithfully,

WALTER SCOTT.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,

Secretary, Municipal Council.

Woosung Road.—For the northern section of the scheduled strip of Cadastral Lot 825 measuring Mow 0.054 payment of the sum of Tls. 1,620 has been arranged with the Shanghai Land Investment Co., Ltd. as follows:—

Mow 0.054 at Tls. 18,000	
per mow	Tls. 972
Addition of 10 per cent ...	97
Cost of reinstatement of three houses not destroyed by Fire	480
Loss of 2 months' rent thereon at \$48 per month.	71
	<hr/> Tls. 1,620

Public School.

The minutes of the meeting of the Public School Committee of March 31 are read and confirmed. There were present :—

Messrs. A. S. P. White-Cooper
(Chairman)

D. E. J. Abraham

Dr. R. S. Ivy

J. Prentice

A. Sidney Wilson

The Headmaster and

The Secretary

Attendance.—The number of pupils attending the School during the past month is reported by the Headmaster as follows :—

	Boys	Girls
Upper	145	114
Lower School	57	28
Kindergarten	21	9
Total 374 against 379 at same time last year.		

In view of the increased scale of fees, and of the fact that the figures for 1908 do not include absentees of over a month from sickness or otherwise, these results appear to the Committee to be satisfactory.

Prospectus.—The prospectus is submitted in draft by the Headmaster containing somewhat fuller details than heretofore, and is ordered to be printed, proofs to be submitted in the first place for the members' approval. The syllabus of work will form a separate supplement to the prospectus, and will be re-printed annually. It is noted that for Forms VI, V. and IV, the work co-ordinates with the Cambridge Local Examination Schedule for the year. The prize list is at present provisional pending receipt of the assent of the various donating Masonic Bodies to the arrangements suggested.

Piano.—The Committee approves the purchase of an additional piano for use in the Kindergarten, that branch of the work of the School being reported to be in need of this auxiliary equipment. The expenditure of a sum not exceeding Tls. 250 is authorised.

Unpaid Accounts.—The outstanding accounts for December number six, and directions are given that after the usual interval of fourteen days, the attendance of the children concerned must cease.

Staff.—It is decided to seek the aid of Mr. C. S. Addis in obtaining the services of an assistant master qualified to teach French, his arrival being timed for the beginning of the Autumn term. The salary offered will be the same as that of the assistant masters last engaged.

The Headmaster forwards the resignation of Miss Fraser, who desires to be released from her agreement at the end of June. This application is granted upon certain conditions, and, with respect to filling the vacancy thus created, the application of Miss Channing-Pearce to be transferred to the Kindergarten Branch is approved. In this case also it is decided to address Mr. Addis, and the Committee approves the suggestion that the matter be dealt with by telegram, the terms of service being as approved in the case of the former appointment.

Student Mistresses.—A report by the Headmaster is submitted, suggesting the inauguration of a system of training student mistresses in the methods of teaching as practised, and the principles underlying those methods, with a view to their becoming qualified to take charge as trained mistresses. The scheme is at present in outline only, and meets with the Committee's approval; the Headmaster will therefore draw up a definite course, with details of work, examinations, etc.

Cambridge University Local Examinations.—From the Class Lists for December, 1907, the following results of the School Entries are noted :—

	Entered	Passed
Senior.....	1	1
Junior.....	3	3
Preliminary.....	19	12
Total ...	23	16

The names of the successful candidates are as follows :—

Senior.

Miss M. Ashley

Junior.

Miss D. Dawson

I. Ezra

T. Wood

Preliminary.

Miss J. Taylor

Miss C. Wheen

Miss M. Wheen

J. Bowker

D. Campbell

J. Delbourgo

L. Dufour

J. M. B. Gutierrez

G. Ishikawa

Y. Mano

W. Manthei

P. Rull.

The meeting adjourns at 6.20 p.m.

The following documents are ordered for publication with the foregoing minutes.

Health Department.

Notification of Infectious Disease.

The following have been reported during, the week ending Sunday, April 5, 1908.	Deaths among Chinese population of 530,000	Cases notified among Non-Chinese population of 14,500.
Small-pox.	3	1
Cholera.	0	0
Typhoid Fever.	—	0
Diphtheria.	7	0
Scarlet Fever.	1	0
Tuberculosis.	12	0
Total Deaths from all Causes	131	2

ARTHUR STANLEY,

Health Officer.

Health Officer's Report for March.

The Public Health during March has been good. Small-pox has greatly decreased. Typhoid fever has been practically absent. There has been a slight increase in the incidence of Scarlet-fever, both among the foreign and Chinese population.

The month has been marked by the successful inauguration of vaccination sub-stations throughout the Settlement. The Central Vaccination Station was first opened in 1903 at the Municipal Laboratory. In that year 520 vaccinations were made. In subsequent years 380, 465, 374 and 1,418 vaccinations were made. During the present year, up to the present time, there have been no less than 1,558 vaccinations, of which 1,263 were done during the present month. A pleasing feature of this work has been that the Chinese have sought vaccination quite voluntarily. The success of the measure reflects the greatest credit on the Inspectors and their assistants, who have been instrumental in spreading the gospel of vaccination with such good result.

A vigorous campaign against milk adulteration has been carried out, especially in the Western District. As regards the result of punishments inflicted at the Mixed Court for adulteration, it has been found, after a series of observations extending over several years, that fining is the least effective, the offence being invariably repeated; while it tends to increase the price of milk to compensate for losses sustained. On the other hand imprisonment and the cangue have a marked deterrent effect.

Practically the whole of the house refuse has, during the month, been sold to countrymen for agricultural purposes—the ideal method of garbage disposal.

337 cattle were brought down by the Department during the month and readily disposed of to the butchers at cost price. It is hoped that a move will soon be made by the Pahsienjao hong to bring their animals direct to the Municipal Cattle-sheds, otherwise it will be necessary to increase the drafts of cattle even to the extent of bringing down the whole supply ourselves.

Here follow tables of Vital Statistics, Infectious disease, and Outdoor Sanitary Work done in the Municipal Laboratory, Municipal Hospitals and Slaughter-house; and lists of Laundries, Dairies and Dealers in Perishable Food-stuffs, etc., licensed for the protection of the Public Health.

ARTHUR STANLEY,

Health Officer.

	Deaths.	
	Foreign Resident.	Native. Non-Resident.
Small-pox	1	0 17
Cholera	0	0 0
Typhoid Fever	0	1 —
Diphtheria	1	0 7
Scarlet Fever	0	1 11
Tuberculosis	4	0 96
From all causes.	22	3 398
Infectious Disease Notified Among Foreign Resident Population.		
Small-pox		4
Cholera		0
Typhoid Fever		0
Diphtheria		1
Scarlet Fever		3
Tuberculosis		2
Municipal Laboratory.		
Small-pox Vaccine used.....	3,978 tubes	
Vaccinations	1276	
Diphtheria Antitoxin issued..	30 doses	
Plague Prophylactic	30 doses	
Typhoid Vaccine	10 doses	
Cases undergoing anti-rabic treatment		1
Bacteriological examinations	52	
Analysis.....	48	
Slaughter-House and Cattle-shed Returns.		

	Slaughtered.	Rejected at Slaughter-house.	Passed for Slaughter from Cattle-sheds.	Passed for Export from Cattle-sheds.	Rejected at Cattle-sheds.
Oxen	1451	1	1415	0	0
Sheep	2635	0	2635	50	2
Calves	385	0	385	0	0
Pigs	299	0	0	0	0

Municipal Laboratory.	
Report on Analysis of Water.	
Sample received March 29, 1908.	
Report sent out April 4, 1908.	
Sample of Shanghai Waterworks Co.'s Water.	
Physical Characters. — Yellowish green colour, with considerable opacity. Slightly alkaline reaction to litmus.	
Solid Matter in Solution	12.0
a.—Volatile	6.4
b.—Fixed	5.6
Appearance on Ignition...Slight Charring	
Total Hardness	8.0
a.—Temporary	4.5
b.—Permanent	3.5
Chlorine	1.8
Nitrogen as Nitrates	0.1032
Saline Ammonia	0.0040
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.0150
Poisonous Metals	Nil
Nitrites	Nil
Phosphates	Trace.
Sulphates	Trace.
Bacteriological Examination. — Gelatine plates at 23°c. yielded an average of 150 bacteria per c.c., of which 1 in 8 liquified the medium.	
Agar plates at 37° yielded 28 organisms per c.c. Bacteria of the coli type were present in quantities of 0.2 c.c.	
Report on Analysis.—A sample of water of good degree of chemical and of fair bacterial purity.	
Victoria Nursing Home.	
Cases Admitted	27
Discharged	35
Died	2
Remaining last day of month	10
Nursing outside the house.....	2
Daily visits	0
Nursing pre-engagements	0
Municipal Hospitals for Infectious Disease	
Foreign. Native.	
Cases Admitted—Small-pox.....	5 0
Cholera	0 0
Typhoid Fever.....	0 0
Diphtheria	2 3
Scarlet Fever	1 2
Other Diseases.....	1 25
Discharged	10 34
Died	2 2
Remaining last day of month	9 18

Sanitary Work.	
Complaints of insanitary conditions received from the Public.....	43
Insanitary conditions reported by Health Office.....	44
Written Intimations issued for sanitary amendment	20
Second Written Intimations issued for sanitary amendment.....	4
Notices of intention to proceed served. Samples taken for analysis.....	39
Pounds of unsound food destroyed ..	593
Food prosecutions	130
House refuse prosecutions	26
Laundry and other prosecutions.....	4
Enquiries after notification of foreign cases of infectious disease.....	10
Enquiries after notification of Chinese cases of and deaths from infectious disease	386
Rooms disinfected after Infectious Disease	183
Articles of Clothing, Bedding, etc., disinfected by Steam.....	1631
Rooms whitewashed.....	225
Ventilation and lighting amended.....	2
Defective drainage amended	35
Insanitary latrines and urinals rendered healthy	10
Insanitary ditches, ponds and creeks rendered healthy	10
Night-soil pits and kongs abolished ..	5
Exposed coffined corpses removed and buried	36
Smoke nuisances suppressed	0
Offensive trade processes amended.....	0
Insanitary wells abolished	1
Tons of ordure removed	6526
Tons of house refuse removed.....	10569
Beggar boats removed	7
Other unhealthy conditions amended..	15

Licensed Laundries.	
Laundry.	Situation.
EASTERN DISTRICT.	
Ah Chow	465-6 Dent Road
Ah Kung	467 do
Old Ah Foo	469-71 do
Jackson	472-3 do
Big Sam	66-8 Dent Lane.
Jim	1858 Seward Road
Wo Yue	1859 do
Yu Shing	1860 do
Ching Kee	1861 do
Mew Shing	1862 do
Ah Ling	1863 do
Big Sam	1192 Yuhang Road
Ah Kee	222 Tongshan Rd.
Yung Woo	222A do
Japanese	170 Wuchow Road.
No. 1 Kashing	362-3 Harbin Road
No. 2	260-1 do
No. 3	258-9 do
No. 4	257-8 do
No. 5	256 do
No. 6	255 do
No. 7	254 do
No. 8	253 do
No. 9	251-2 do
No. 10	250-1 do
No. 11	249 do
No. 12	248 do
No. 13	247 do
No. 14	245-6 do
No. 15	243-4 do
No. 16	242 do
No. 17	241 do
No. 18	240 do
No. 19	239 do
No. 20	237-8 do
No. 21	236-7 do
No. 22	234-5 do
No. 23	233 do
No. 24	231-2 do
No. 25	229-30 do
No. 26	227-8 do
No. 27	225-6 do
No. 28	223-4 do
No. 29	221-2 do
No. 30	219-20 do
No. 31	217-8 do
No. 32	216 do
No. 33	212-4 do
No. 34	210-11 do
No. 35	179 do
No. 36	180 do
No. 37	181 do
No. 38	182 do
No. 39	215 do

Licensed Laundries.	
Laundry.	Situation.
NORTHERN DISTRICT.	
Yok Sing	846 Woosung Road.
Miller	308 Miller Road.
Chin Kee	1113 Range Road.
2 International Laundry	512 do
3	513 do
4	514 do
5	515 do
6	516 do
7	517 do
8	518 do
9	519 do
Wong Ah San	1381 Haining Road
Chapoo No. 1	402A Chapoo Road.
Chapoo No. 2	402B Chapoo Road.
N. Y. K.	N. Szechuen Rd. Ex.
WESTERN DIST.	
Yung Shing Washing Co	314 Chungking Road
" " " "	316 "
" " " "	318 "
" " " "	301 "
" " " "	311 "
" " " "	309 "
Woo Kee Washing Co	259 Taku Road.
Doo Foo Washing Co	55 Yates Road.
Ziang Shing	24 Weihawei Rd.
Shanghai Steam Laundry Co. Ltd.	451 "
Shz Sing Washing Co	105 "
" " " "	104 "
Yung Sung Washing Co	210 "
" " " "	210 "
" " " "	210 "
" " " "	210 "

Licensed Dairies.	
Dairy.	Situation.
EASTERN DISTRICT.	
Riverside Farm	76 Yangtzeppoo Road
Shanghai Dairy	"
Inshalla Dairy	71 Ward Road. "
Sung Shing Dairy	Thorburn Road.
Yangtzeppoo Farm	"
Farfield Dairy	19 Kwenming Road
NORTHERN DIST.	
Home Farm	N. Szechuen Road
Paoshan Dairy	Paoshan
Hongkew Dairy	N. Szechuen Road
Kong Zung	"
Yong Shu Fong	N. Honan Road.
Mo Hung Sing	N. Szechuen Road
Ching Kee	N. Honan Road
Hong Kee	N. Szechuen Road
Pau hee	N. Honan Road
Shing Chee	"
Private Dairy	Range Road "
WESTERN DIST.	
The Farm	Siccawei Road.
Crawford's Dairy	"
St. George's Farm	Bubbling Well Road
Swiss Farm	"
Culty's Farm	Route d'Oumer "
Tai Woo	French Creek
Lemke's (Private)	460 A. Paul Brunat.
Hung Fei's Dairy	Bubbling Well Road
Yuen Sung	"
Zee Butler	601 Burkill Road.
Gordon Rd. Dairy Co.	1128 Gordon Road.
Yui Chong	756 Avenue Road.
Fok Kyi	1401 "
Hop Shing	1 Yu Yuen Road
Nee Shing	Markham Road.
Yok Kyi	Medhurst Road.

Licensed Butchers, Poultry, Game and Vegetable Dealers.	
Butchers.	Situation.
NORTHERN DISTRICT.	
German Butcher	1106 Broadway
" "	7 "
" "	Astor Road
Tsin Tsiang	72 Tiendong Road
Yui Shing	671 "
Yun Cheong	672 "
Chang Kee	957 Woosung Road
Yhung Kee	5 and 6 Market Road
Man Woo	17 "
General Supply Co.	1457 Woosung Road
Fook Loong	1578 "
CENTRAL DISTRICT.	
Nie Yung Chong	Maloo Market.
Dong Yue Ding	"
Tze Chi Pow	5 "1963"
Wai Dai Chun	"
Wong Sie Shag	"
V. Vizenovich	1 Ningpo Road

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THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 1908.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1906.

THE Municipal Offices will be closed to public business, on GOOD FRIDAY, April 17 and EASTER MONDAY, April 20.

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council, Room,
Shanghai, April 15, 1908.

Fire Brigade

The Annual Parade and Shield Competition is fixed for Saturday, April 25, 1908, when the Council will make an official inspection of the men and gear.

The Brigade will muster at 2 o'clock p.m. in the Soochow Road, opposite the Union Church, and proceed via the Bund and Nanking Road to Lloyd Road, where the inspection will take place. The competition will take place on the Public Recreation Ground as usual.

THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, April 8, 1908, at 4.30 p.m., there are present :

Messrs. D. Landale (*Chairman*)

A. W. Burkill

W. D. Little

A. D. Lowe

J. H. McMichael

O. Meuser

W. A. C. Platt

J. Prentice

The Secretary and
Assistant Secretary.

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Sir Robert Hart, Bart.

In view of the probability that Sir Robert Hart will remain in Shanghai for some days en route from Peking to England, informal representations have been made desiring that he will permit some form of public expression of appreciation of his eminent services and of the lasting results of his work in China. In reply, Sir Robert Hart has telegraphed his appreciation of the proposal, at the same time regretting that health considerations force him to decline any public entertainment or function.

Police.

Traffic.—It is noted that the Police report on the two islands for the direction of traffic at the corner of Nanking and Szechuen Roads is favourable, and the extension of the system elsewhere at points to be selected is authorised.

Opium House Licenses.

In accordance with the terms of the special minute published on April 3, a proclamation in Chinese giving particulars as to the course to be pursued for closing one quarter of the houses is submitted and approved for posting forthwith.

Messrs. Chu Lan-fang, Shen Tun-ho, and Yu Ya-ching have consented to be present at the drawing.

Fire Insurance.

A letter from the Mixed Court Magistrate is submitted referring to certain defects of system in the work of Fire Insurance Companies in the Settlement. This is ordered for publication with reply as directed :—

Translation of letter from the Mixed Court Magistrate dated March 20 1908.

The Mixed Court Magistrate, Pao I, has hereby to state that he finds that during this year fires in the Settlement are daily on the increase, and that in comparison the number greatly exceeds those which occur in the City or in the closely neighbouring town of Soochow.

It results from this that monthly and without intermission there are fire cases at the Mixed Court, and it becomes extremely difficult to decide upon treatment proportionate to the gravity of the circumstances, in cases where there is intention to set fire and where the entire premises have been burnt, though proof or trace of such intention is wholly lacking ; or where although fire has not been set to the premises the features of the case leave room for doubt. By the least lack of care on these occasions an injustice may be committed.

The Mixed Court Magistrate as an official of this place is filled with deep concern to observe the offences committed by the people, and has reflected that, in view of the similarity of the localities, it is inexplicable that the fires in the City and in Soochow should be fewer in comparison with those which take place in the Settlement.

In examining, therefore, into the origin of these fires it appears that they are traceable to fire insurance. Most of the various Fire Insurance Companies have touts who collect custom about the place, and if business eventuates they are given a commission. The aim of the Insurance Companies lies in their

desire to do business, and that of the tout in his desire for commission. Thus no investigation is made into the question of whether *bona fides* exists on the part of the insurer or not, or whether the amount of the goods declared is correct or not. If the insurer wishes to insure to the amount of Tls. 1,000 the tout persuades him to take a policy out for Tls. 2,000, and so on in proportion. This has reached such a pitch that no sooner has the tout of one Company gone, than the tout of another comes, with a request to take out a subsidiary or additional policy, and with arguments which are all most plausible. No sooner has a shop opened than these incessant attempts begin, and the policy is sent, even before money has been paid. This is a wholly accurate description of the state of affairs.

The printed rules of these Companies are in foreign writing without a Chinese version, so that the insurer cannot discriminate, and listening to the one-sided version of the tout, is aware only of the advantages of insurance and unaware of its evils. An instance of this is the fact that in the rules it is laid down that if the goods are not all burnt, full payment is not made : yet of this point the insurer is unaware ; another is that if the quantity of goods is less than that declared full payment is not made : yet of this point also the insurer is unaware. He is thus induced to insure first, and litigation results later. If no question arises, the Insurance Companies peaceably enjoy the premium, and when question arises they hit upon excuses for not paying the indemnity. Herein is an undoubted absence of general equity. In fact, since the introduction of insurance, the unscrupulous classes seeing that it is possible to insure small quantities of goods for large amounts, conceiving the idea of arson in the hope of obtaining the insurance money, have conspired with the touts quietly to share the booty, and have come to regard insurance as a means of making money ; while the wealthy and respectable classes who formerly warned their families and servants to take strict care against accident from fire, consider, so soon as they are insured that since their preparations are made they stand to suffer no misfortune, and that if a fire occurs the Insurance Company will indemnify them to the full. Precautions are thus omitted and fires are very numerous. To these two causes may be traced the fact that in the City and in Soochow, where fire insurance does not exist, fires are few, while in the Settlement, where insurance exists, fires are numerous.

The evil, therefore, consists simply in insurance and in the harmful cir-

cumstance that the Companies permit their touts to take custom recklessly. The Companies permit action of this kind before the event, and after the event insistently request and require the aid of the Police, who in the interest of local peace and good order cannot but inquire into the matter on their behalf, with the result that irrespective of *bona fides* and whether arson has been committed or not, the evils of litigation are the inevitable result for every time the fire alarm sounds. This procedure is without exaggeration an administrative trap for the people, and the Mixed Court Magistrate's anxiety in the interests of the people, together with the desire of the Chairman of Council to preserve local peace and good order are greatly prejudiced.

It appears that formerly on account of insurance, fires in the City gradually increased, with the result that the Pao An Association was formed for the mutual avoidance of fire insurance. This plan for preventing abuses and fraud would be difficult to put into practice in the Settlement. A course, however, which is open, is to give strict directions to all Insurance Companies that hereafter they must look for *bona fides*, and must not permit their touts to take business about the place in a reckless manner; and that the insurance regulations must be clearly set out in the foreign and Chinese languages side by side, so that they may be generally known. By this means the number of fires will be less, and the resident population will suffer less disturbance.

Besides, therefore, addressing the Senior Consul by letter, the Magistrate has now to write discussing this matter, begging that the Council, at its meeting, will investigate the question, and if there is any good mode of action to be found, improving upon those proposed herein, he will be much gratified to be informed thereof, and in the meantime awaits the favour of a reply.

Council Room,
Shanghai, April 13, 1908.

SIR,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of March 20, on the subject of the manner in which the business of Fire Insurance is carried on in the Settlement.

In reply I am directed to inform you that the Council realises the gravity of the circumstances you describe, and has forwarded a copy of your letter to the Fire Insurance Association with the request that it have serious consideration.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
W. E. LEVISON,
Secretary.

PAO I, Esq.,
Mixed Court Magistrate.

Health Department.

Staff.—The appointment of the following nurses, engaged through the Colonial Nursing Association in accordance with the Council's decision of November last, is noted :—

Miss E. M. Robinson from March 25
Miss M. Gittens „ April 6
Miss L. H. de Gruchy „ April 6

House Refuse Removal.

In response to Notification No. 1897, only two tenders for the removal by boat of house refuse, have been received, and the Health Officer's recommendation to accept that of Wong Nyung-chi, endorsed by the Watch Committee, is now confirmed. It is noted that the contractor will deposit \$1,500 as security for the due performance of the work.

River Pollution.

The following correspondence is ordered for publication :—

Shanghai, February 25, 1908.

SIR,—I beg to hand you herewith copy of a report made to me by Inspector Mellows of the River Police with reference to the unsatisfactory manner in which sewage, dredgings and garbage from the Settlement is disposed of, and feel sure that I have only to bring this matter to the notice of the Municipal Council to ensure steps being taken to have the disposal of refuse from the Settlement more efficiently supervised.

During the year 1907, no less than thirty-three boats with sewage, dredgings or garbage from the Settlement were arrested by the River Police for discharging their loads into the River or Soochow Creek, and if further evidence of the quantity of refuse which finds its way overboard is required, one has only to go up the Soochow Creek at half tide or low water and see the banks strewn with garbage, and the remains of sewage which has been thrown on to the foreshore.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
WM. CARLSON,
Harbour Master.

W. E. LEVISON, Esq.,
Secretary, Municipal Council.

[*Enclosure.*]

River Police Hulk,
Shanghai, February 21, 1908.

SIR,—I beg to draw your attention to the lax manner in which sewage, dredgings, and garbage from the Settlements is disposed of by the Municipal Council.

In the case of sewage, and dredgings from creeks inside the Settlements, there is practically no supervision. During last year several boats were fined for dumping their loads into the River and Soochow Creek, and by your orders I have spoken to Mr. Mayne, Municipal Engineer, several times on the subject, but apparently without result.

From the Municipal Minutes, published every week, I see that sometimes over 1,000 tons are reported as having been taken from the Settlements and creeks, but during the year I can only trace about twenty boat loads having been landed above high water mark.

The system of disposing of garbage from the Settlements is also very unsatisfactory, and, as you are aware, I have spoken to Dr. Stanley, Health Officer, a number of times on the subject. The garbage boats stay at the chutes whenever possible until after dark, and then go up the Soochow Creek on the night tides and dump their loads overboard, this being a far easier way of disposing of it than carrying it up the bank at the depot.

Until some few months ago a foreign overseer was in charge of the Garbage Depot in the Soochow Creek and did a good deal toward preventing boats from dumping their loads, but he was transferred to the River Depot, and a Chinese foreman put in his place, and although there is a system of giving chits to the boats at the chutes, which should be receipted by the Officer at the Depot, it continually happens that the boats do not go near the Depot, but discharge their loads into the Creek, though no doubt the chits are handed in in the usual way.

Further, it is a common occurrence for a boat to be so deeply loaded that she sinks at the chutes, and nearly all the garbage floats out, so that the banks of the Creek are covered with garbage at all times.

The system of selling garbage at the chutes is, in my opinion, a bad one, as the country people when loading their boats sort out the refuse which is of no use as a fertiliser, place it on the fore part of their boats and throw it into the Creek when clear of Police control.

I would suggest that the whole of the garbage should be taken to the depots in Municipal Council's boats, and not the contractors' and that the boatmen's duty be simply to yuloh the boats to and from the Depots, coolies being specially employed at the Depots, to unload and carry the stuff on shore. This would probably stop the garbage being dumped, as it would not be to the advantage of the boatmen to do so; the Depot coolies should not be allowed to go to or from the Depots in the boats.

Any garbage to be sold should be sold from the Municipal boats after arrival at the Depot.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
THOS. MELLOWS,
Inspector.

Council Room,
Shanghai, April 3, 1908.

SIR,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of February 25, with copy of a report by the River

Police, on the subject of dumping of road detritus and house refuse in the Whangpoo River and Soochow Creek.

In reply thereto I am directed in the first place to state that it is clear that responsibility for maintaining the cleanliness and sanitation of the Harbour rests primarily with the River Police, and, that so long as no adequate steps are taken in this direction, the Council's past and future efforts to prevent the action of which you complain, and their efficacy or otherwise, are to be regarded as secondary factors in the question.

The statements, moreover, upon which your letter is based, do not appear upon close examination to be justified. The assertion that the work is carried out in a lax manner is incorrect, nor if several fines have been imposed during the year, would it be reasonable to suppose that there is practically no supervision, and, in brief, other allusions of a similar nature in the Report to which you refer, appear to be exaggerated.

In respect to the removal of refuse, the present contractor has occasionally been remiss, but as will be seen from the Municipal Gazette of March 12, new tenders have been invited, and some improvement may result. The system of treating this matter as a saleable commodity is not unsatisfactory, the appointment of a foreigner at the depots is not considered commendable, and the employment of special coolies for unloading was a measure decided upon before receipt of your letter.

The perfection of the system in force in the collection of road detritus is occupying attention, and it is probable that the provision of an extra depot leased by the Council may prove useful to this end.

The Chinese Authorities, however, at the native village north of the Sinza Bridge, dump quantities of waste matter into the Creek at frequent intervals, while the amount deposited in the River by foreign shipping, by the vast boat population, and off the Chinese Bund, is incalculable.

In conclusion therefore I am directed to suggest that the organisation of efficient collection services for these is a very urgent need, and would do more towards lessening the quantity of refuse drifting on the foreshores than any of the periodical improvements in the work of Municipal contractors.

The Council trusts that an attempt will be made to effect progress in the directions I have indicated, since in its complete absence, all efforts toward per-

fecting the existing system and enforcing the observance of the stringent contracts under which it is carried out, must remain without appreciable effect.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. E. LEVISON,

Secretary.

Captain W. CARLSON,
Harbour Master.

Fire Brigade.

A letter from French Council forwards a remittance of Tls. 2,500, the contribution towards the maintenance of the Brigade for the first quarter of 1908. With this payment and interchange of letters the separation of the French section of the Brigade is officially brought about, and it is noted that the necessary arrangements for the change have been made.

Translation of letter from the French Council dated April 1, 1908.

SIR,—Since the date April 1 marks expiry of the additional period of delay of three months which the Council was good enough to accord the French Council in order to allow requisite measures to be taken for ensuring by itself the fire service in the French Settlement, I have the honour, in compliance with instructions, to forward you herewith:—

A cheque payable at sight to your order, No. 806 on the Banque de l'Indo Chine for Tls. 2,500.

This sum represents the French Council's contribution for the expenditure of the Fire Department for the first quarter of 1908 upon the new basis which the Council proposed.

The French Council desires to address its thanks to the Fire Brigade for the support which it has always afforded the French Co.: it hopes that the good relations which have been established for so long between them, will not in any way be affected by the separation, and that if circumstances should require it, they will co-operate with eagerness in the accomplishment of the public service, of which each has taken charge.

I am, etc.

J. DANTIN,

Acting Secretary.

W. E. LEVISON, Esq.,

Secretary, Municipal Council.

Council Room,
Shanghai, April 5, 1908.

SIR,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of April 1, containing the French Council's cheque for Tls. 2,500 in payment of contribution to the cost of the Fire Brigade for the quarter ending March 31, 1908.

I am further to convey to you the Council's thanks for the cordial terms of the concluding paragraph of your letter, and to say that the hopes expressed therein are shared by the members of the Brigade of this Settlement.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant

W. E. LEVISON,

Secretary.

J. DANTIN, Esq.,

Acting Secretary,

French Municipal Council.

Municipal Properties.

Sikh Cremation Ground.—As a result of complaint as to cremations recently carried out on the borders of the Hongkew Recreation Ground, arrangements have been made whereby the Western portion of B.C. Lot 177 Pao. will be surrounded with a high fence for the use of Sikhs in this connexion.

Road Extensions and Widenings.

Peking and Chefoo Roads.—The claim of the Russo-Chinese Bank for an area of Mow 0.298 ex Cadastral Lot 594 at the corner of these roads, is submitted, at the assessed value Tls. 16,000 per mow plus 10 per cent.

In view of the fact that the improvement cannot fail to be appreciable when the Peking Road is more generally used for carriage traffic the expenditure involved, Tls. 5,245, though large, is considered upon the whole warranted, and acceptance of the offer is authorised.

North Chekiang Road.—Referring to the acquisition of strips ex Cadastral Lot 103, recorded on pp 174/5 of the Annual Report for 1907, an arrangement has been concluded with Messrs. Stokes, Platt and Teesdale whereby an additional Mow 0.015 will be surrendered at the assessed value plus 10%, i.e.

for a sum of Tls. 247.50, with Tls. 75 added, representing the cost of re-instatement.

The improvement of the northern approach of the Chekiang Road Bridge, rendered necessary by the steepness of the gradient, is thus completed.

Jehol Road.—A slight westerly deviation of the northern extremity of this road between the Tsepoo and Haining Roads is sanctioned, conditionally that the land required be surrendered free.

Myburgh Road.—It is noted that Mr. W. Scott has attended a meeting of the Works Committee in protest at the section of this extension between the Bubbling Well and Burkill Roads. His protest was based upon the grounds that a complete scheme of rebuilding has already been initiated on Lot 234, the plan of which will be prejudiced, and that the need for the road in the public interest is not evident. The protest is considered to have lost force owing to the fact that the road has been scheduled annually for many years without opposition. It is agreed, however, that the exact line of the Southern section shall be laid out with a view to minimizing the damage to Lots 231 and 234.

Sinza and Gordon Roads.—In connexion with the permission accorded to the owner of Cadastral Lot 3180 to culvert a portion of the creek fronting his property, the surrender of an area of Mow 0.012 for the improvement of the corner of these roads on a radius of 20 feet is noted.

The purchase of the following areas of native land for new roads in the Western District is noted as complete:—

- (a.) For the *Singapore Road* between the Ferry and Kiaochow Roads, Mow 11.420 at a cost of Tls. 1,142.
- (b.) For the *Penang Road* between the Kiaochow and Gordon Roads, Mow 12.933 at a cost of Tls. 1,293.30.
- (c.) For the *Hart Road* from its existing termination at Sinza Road to Connaught Road. Mow 6.832 at a cost of Tls. 683.20.

Parks and Open Spaces.

The minutes of the meeting of the Parks Committee of March 31, are read and confirmed. There were present:—
Messrs. R. H. Beauchamp (*Chairman.*)

A. E. Algar
C. D. Kerr
J. H. Teesdale
The Engineer
The Superintendent of Parks and Assistant Secretary

Rifle Range.—The Committee directs that the attention of the Commandant of Volunteers be drawn to the necessity for periodical inspection and removal of loose stones and other debris from the Range, so as to avoid ricochets.

Brenan Piece.—A plan showing proposals for planting this open space is submitted and generally approved. With regard to the construction of paths, directions are given that the work proceed immediately in accordance with the minute of October 28, 1907.

Blydenburg's Turn, Siccawei Road.—A sketch plan showing the manner in which trees may be planted at this spot is submitted and receives the approval of the Committee.

Soochow Creek Foreshore.—The untidy condition of this foreshore, is again the subject of comment and the Committee directs that a letter be addressed to the Tramway Company calling for the immediate removal of detritus with a view to turfing.

Garden Accessories.—Referring to the minutes of previous meetings, the members are informed that no arrangements can be made for making brooms and ropes at the Gaol, but that the manufacture of the requisite number of baskets has been put in hand. The Committee directs that wherever possible such accessories be obtained from this source.

Roadside Trees.—In answer to certain comments with regard to planting of trees on the Bund and Bubbling Well Road, the Committee is informed that this work is completed with two exceptions. It is decided to fill up the gaps by the side of the Race Course ditch with Camphor Trees as opportunity arises.

In preparation for the widening of the Bund which the adoption of the new Conservancy line will make possible the Committee directs that a number of trees of the maiden-hair species be grown in the nurseries for planting on the foreshore in line with the existing trees.

Directions are given that the Magnolia trees on the Bund be better protected, and that gaps in the tar-paving where trees are planted be trimmed symmetrically, and that two trees adjoining the Parkes' Statue be removed.

The Committee directs also that trees be planted on the Sungkiang and North Soochow Roads.

The purchase of two wooden huts is authorised for the sum of Tls. 300.

Drainage.

Weihaiwei Road Ditch.—A note from a resident points out that the sections of this ditch beyond that now culverted are in a polluted condition, but, beyond directing continuous cleansing, the Council is averse to any large expenditure thereon.

Tenders.

The following are authorised for acceptance:—

The erection of a three-storied addition to the Hongkew Police Station, Zee Zung-tai, Tls. 24,100, with extras amounting to Tls. 4,103.

Supply of 55 iron stanchions and 440 feet of chain for enclosing Brenan Piece, Wong Nuen Shing, Tls. 467.50.

Court of Foreign Consuls.

A letter from the Senior Consul is read to the effect that Mr. P. von Buri, Consul-General for Germany, has been elected to take the place of the late Mr. E. von Hirsch, Consul-General for Austria-Hungary on the Court of Foreign Consuls.

Paoshan Survey.

A lithograph of the survey is submitted for the Council's inspection, as received from Messrs. Waterlow & Sons. It is decided to forward copies for the information of the Native Authorities, in accordance with the Council's letter of October 23, 1906, for the use of the Consular Body and Consular Land Offices, and for transmission to Peking. The price of the plan for sale to the public is fixed at Tls. 15, unmounted.

General Municipal Rate beyond Limits.

A letter from Mr. H. W. Provence, in respect to the claim of residents beyond limits to vote at Ratepayers' Meetings, is submitted, and authorised for publication with reply as approved:—

Shanghai, March 30, 1908.

DEAR SIR.—With reference to the assessment of a 6% rate on the property of our Mission which is situated on the North Szechuen Road Extension I am directed to call your attention to the fact that we are expected to pay taxes on an annual rental of Tls. 2,160.00. This is the equivalent of the full municipal tax on a rental of Tls. 1,080.00, and should accordingly entitle us to two votes in the ratepayers' meeting. I am instructed to inquire if we may expect this representation in the future. If the ratepayers' meeting is to have authority to levy taxes on property outside the settlement, it is of course nothing but just that the residents of this section should have representation in that meeting.

Yours very truly,

H. W. PROVENCE.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.

Secretary, Municipal Council.

Council Room,

Shanghai, April 4, 1908.

SIR,—In reply to your letter of March 30, I am directed to point out that it is beyond the power of the Council to endow residents beyond the limits of the Settlement with the privilege of voting at Ratepayers' Meetings.

It is possible that permission to be present and to speak at these meetings would be granted if the matter were submitted to the voters assembled, and such a measure would meet with the Council's ready approval, but the actual vote could only be obtained by an amendment of the Land Regulations or by the extension of the boundaries laid down in Article I of the code.

The rate which is paid by residents beyond limits, at present fixed at 6 per cent on assessed rentals, is enforced under the terms of the Council's agreement with the Shanghai Waterworks Co., Ltd., dated July 1, 1905. As to the equity of the levy I am directed to draw your attention to the debate on the subject which took place at the Annual Meeting of Ratepayers in March of that year.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

H. W. PROVENCE, Esq.,

Treasurer, Central China Mission of
the Southern Baptist Convention.**Bund Foreshore.**

The following correspondence is ordered for publication :—

Shanghai, March 24, 1908.

SIR,—We draw attention that in former years it was the Council's practice to obtain a formal permit from us to drill the Volunteers on the Bund foreshore of our property, and over which we have not relinquished our rights.

We observe that of late years the Council have ceased to consult us in the matter, and in the circumstances we desire to have the Council's explanation.

We are, Sir,

Yours obediently,

DAVID SASSOON & Co., LD.,

D. M. NISSIM,

Manager.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,

Secretary, Municipal Council.

Council Room,

Shanghai, April 2, 1908.

GENTLEMEN,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of March 24, in respect to the use by the Volunteers of the Bund Foreshore for purposes of drill.

In reply thereto, I am to state that, while it has been considered necessary and desirable in the past to obtain the permission of riparian owners when any public works on the foreshore have been in contemplation, such as the filling-in or the construction of a footpath, the Council is unable to trace that any such application has been made in respect to the drilling of the Volunteer Corps.

The public rights in these cases, no less than those of riparian owners, require to be safeguarded, and in the Council's opinion the use of the ground for purposes of drill does not infringe either the one or the other.

I am, Gentlemen,

Yours obedient servant,

W. E. LEV SON,
Secretary.

Messrs. David Sassoon & Co., Ltd.

The meeting adjourns at 6.15 p.m.

The following documents are ordered for publication with the foregoing minutes.

Health Department.**Notification of Infectious Disease.**

The following have been reported during the week ending Sunday, April 12, 1908.	Deaths among Chinese population of 530,000	Cases notified among Non-Chinese population of 14,500.
Small-pox.	9	1
Cholera.	0	0
Typhoid Fever.	—	0
Diphtheria.	1	0
Scarlet Fever.	0	0
Tuberculosis.	25	0
Total Deaths from all Causes	166	5

ARTHUR STANLEY,

Health Officer.

Departmental Report of the Superintendent of Parks and Open Spaces to the Municipal Engineer, for March.

Owing to the dry weather which prevailed throughout the month, the usual spring work of planting, laying out grounds, and laying turf has made good progress.

Public Garden.—Repairs to the turf are practically completed and the lawns have been weeded. The spring flowering bulbs are giving indications of producing a good display. In the houses the chief feature throughout the month has been the display of spring flowering bulbs—*Hymenocallis Macrostephana*, a fragrant white flowered *Anyrillidae* was the most notable plant in flower.

Bund.—The alteration to the path is practically completed between Peking Road and the Custom House. Returfing is in progress and a number of *Mangolias* have been planted along the sides of the jetty approaches.

Soochow Road Foreshore.—The sections between Honan Road and Kiangse Road have been turfed.

Hongkew Recreation Ground.—The planting of this area is now practically completed for this year. The section in front of the main entrance has been turfed, whilst the preparation of the other sections is in progress, and, given good weather, should be finished by May 1. Fully 3,000 fong of turf has been laid.

Public Recreation Ground.—Rolling, weeding, and sanding the paths constitutes the chief work here.

Nurseries.—The transplanting of trees and shrubs is well in hand.

Victoria Nursing Home.—A new path connecting the Home with the Nurses' Quarters has been laid down, various shrubs and trees planted and repairs to the turf undertaken.

Municipal Hospital.—A few fong of turf has been laid, and various slight depressions in the lawns raised.

Public School for Chinese.—The playground has been prepared for turf. Trees and various shrubs have been planted.

Cemeteries.—Trees and shrubs have been planted in Shangtung Road, the Old, the Soldiers, and Pootung Cemeteries.

Skew Bridge.—This small space was planted with evergreen plants.

Trees planted.

Siccawei Road.....	5
Gordon Road	3
Connaught Road.....	16
Edinburgh Road.....	3
Nanyang Road	1
Kiaochow Road.....	1
Lay Road	131
Markham Road	4
Soochow Road	28
Ward Road.....	266
Boundary Road	108
Ferry Road	2
Public Garden.....	14
Pootung Cemetery	75
Chinese Public School	117
Public School	18
Total	842

Trees fastened.

Ward Road	285
Soochow Road	38
Gordon Road	33
Connaught Road	85
Ferry Road.....	39
Markham Road	18
Robison Road	33
Kiaochow Road	45
Great Western Road	38
Jessfield Road	27
Nanyang Road	23
Edinburgh Road	28
Siccawei Road	39
Lay Road	195
Boundary Road	118
Public Garden	14
Total	1,058

Trees and shrubs planted in Hongkew Recreation Ground—2467.

Report of Captain-Superintendent of Police for March.

Strength of the Force on March 31, 1908.

Officers...	7
Foreigners	177
Indians	415
Chinese	729
Total	1328

Police Report for March.

(1) The monthly total of fires which occurred during March was 33. It may be of interest to note that out of this number 18 were extinguished by the Police with station hoses, or by neighbours. The promptitude with which so large a proportion of the total number of fires was handled at the outset prevented in some cases what might have been destructive fires. The loss of life, however, has unfortunately been somewhat heavy, eight persons having been burnt to death as the result of 11 of the larger fires put out by the Fire Brigade.

By the appointment of a special detective officer to enquire into the actual cause of fires occurring in the Settlement considerable help has in many instances been given to Insurance Companies in Shanghai. It may, however, be pointed out that it was in no way the intention of the Council that the Detective Inspector so employed should act on behalf of any Insurance Company. His functions are strictly limited to the collection of such information as may be necessary to enable the Mixed Court or other judicial body to apportion the blame or establish the innocence of owners or occupiers of premises suspected of being guilty of arson, or of criminal carelessness, as well as to enquire into cases of simple incendiarism. In certain quarters a somewhat extended view would seem to have been taken by parties interested in insurance of the instructions given to the detective officer in charge of fires, and it is to correct this impression that these remarks are made.

(2) The question of the imitation or false application of British and other trade marks or trade descriptions with the wilful intention to deceive has again come to the notice of the Police. The particular case under remark has reference to the well known brand of Valentine Meat Juice. A careful, and on the face of it, accurate imitation both of the bottle and label has been offered for sale by retail dealers here, and there can be little doubt as to the fraudulent intention and malicious dishonesty displayed by those responsible for placing such goods on the market.

The whole question of the false application of well known trade marks is at the present time a most serious matter for British and other firms in the Far East, and the fraud is so acutely felt by those firms interested that it is considered necessary to call attention to a local case.

(3) The question of so-called armed robberies has been somewhat less before the public during the month just passed, but cases have occurred immediately outside Settlement limits on the French Concession border. Though it may be considered in the light of a distinction without a difference to say that loafers who commit armed robberies inside the Settlement cannot be described as armed robbers, yet, in one sense it is true. From the point of view of the public or even of the Police these men are altogether indistinguishable while walking the streets from any ordinary Chinaman of the same class. Dressed in the same clothes, with no particular peculiarities of gait, manner, or bearing such individuals can and do walk into a shop or bank without drawing any particular attention either from the ordinary street crowd, or from the shop people, or even from a constable on beat duty.

Having almost invariably chosen the evening hour when Chinese shops have shut up the shutters but when the door is still left open, the robbers once inside and commanding the doorway are completely screened from observation from any one passing in the street, or even standing outside the door. Such arms as the robbers carry are entirely concealed in their clothes and are at once produced, the inmates of the shop are held up by threats, and the robbery takes place. Only when some inmate of the shop more courageous than the rest puts up a defence is any alarm whatever given until the robbers have had time to quietly disperse. Nor, as a rule, are passers-by any more willing to run even the slight risk necessary to give the alarm or call for police assistance. It is hardly necessary to remark that it is impossible for each street and alleyway in the Settlement to be continually under the eye of a constable, though incessant patrolling is done. Not until the Chinese public are prepared to risk something in the matter of personal safety can so-called armed robberies be altogether stamped out in the Settlement.

Here follow tables of persons coming under the notice of Police for criminal and other offences, punishments inflicted, prisoners in custody, vehicles licenses suspended and confiscated, dogs captured, etc., value of property stolen and recovered, and warrants and summonses.

C. D. BAUCE.

Captain-Superintendent of Police.

Return of Persons coming under Notice of Police for Criminal and other offences.

Offence.	Foreigners.	Natives.	Total.
(a.) OFFENCES AGAINST THE PERSON:—			
Murder		1	1
Manslaughter		1	1
Attempted suicide		5	5
Assault	5	82	87
Kidnapping		30	30
Cruelty to Children		3	3
Bringing false charges		1	1
(b.) OFFENCES AGAINST RIGHTS OF PROPERTY:—			
Robbery		11	11
Embezzlement	2	7	9
Extortion		15	15
Burglary		19	19
Housebreaking		15	15
Obtaining goods by false pretences	2	5	7
Fraud		11	11
Receiving stolen property		18	18
Unlawful possession		47	47
Forgery		2	2
Uttering counterfeit coins		1	1
Arson		6	6
Malicious Injury	1	2	3
Larceny	1	396	397
Criminal negligence (Fires)		3	3
Civil Offences:—Debt		26	26
Breach of contract		22	22
Others		11	11
(c.) ACTS INJURIOUS TO THE PUBLIC:—			
Common nuisances		1462	1462
Vagrancy		63	63
Returning after expulsion		14	14
Disorderly conduct	17	98	115
Soliciting prostitution	3	11	14
Depositing garbage	1	19	20
Traffic:—Furious driving		25	25
Obstruction		1856	1856
Public gambling		51	51
Illegal arrest		7	7
Lekin collection		2	2
Breach of license conditions:—			
Liquor		8	8
Dog	7	3	10
Opium shop		11	11
Lodging house		2	2
Dairy		7	7
Miscellaneous		17	17
(d.) NOT CHARGED.			
Beggars, Hawkers, Ragpickers		2740	2740
Others	30	154	184
TOTAL	69	7290	7359

Return of Sentences.

Sentence.	Foreigners	Natives	Total
Imprisonment	10	447	457
Cangue		17	17
Expulsion	1	12	13
Fined	16	272	288
Imprisonment and cangue		10	10
" " expulsion		75	75
" " fined		4	4
" " cangue and expulsion		2	2
Sent on board ship for trial	6		6
Cangue and expulsion		1	1
" " fined		1	1
Bail forfeited		3256	3256
Remanded	1		1
Cautioned	3	26	29
Dismissed	2	70	72
Released on Security		64	64
Left to Court		69	69
Handed to parents		19	19
Sent to Reformatory		7	7
" Slave Girls' Refuge		4	4
" Sinza Refuge		13	13
" Door of Hope		4	4
" the Native Authorities		13	13
Handed to French Police		2	2
Charge withdrawn		7	7
Recommended that license be cancelled		1	1
Total	39	4396	4435

Prisoners in Custody

on March 31, 1908.

Central Station	96
Louza Station	107
Hongkew Station	151
West Hongkew Station	54
Harbin Road Sub-Station	11
Wayside Station	30
Gaol	759
Yangtsepoo Station	16
Sinza Station	46
Bubbling Well Station	14
Total	1284

Vehicle Licenses.

	Suspended	Confiscated
Ricsha ...	841	1749
Wheelbarrow	56	33
Handcart ...	5	—
Total...	902	1782

Value of Property Stolen and Recovered between.

Feb. 28, 1908, and March 27, 1908.

	Dollars
Stolen	23,624.95
Recovered	11,502.12

Warrants and Summonses.

Warrants executed ...	48
Summonses served ...	131

Dogs.

At Kennels, Feb. 29, 1908	10
Captured	130
Returned	14
Killed	115
Remaining at Kennels ...	11

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FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 1908.

THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, April 15, 1908, at 4.30 p.m., there are present :

Messrs. D. Landale (*Chairman*)

A. W. Burkill

W. D. Little

A. D. Lowe

J. H. McMichael

O. Meuser

W. A. C. Platt

J. Prentice

The Secretary and

Assistant Secretary.

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Police.

Foreign Branch.—The resignation of Sergeant McCabe is accepted with effect from April 20.

The appointment of P. C. Givens for service at the Mixed Court is authorized as from January 4.

The promotion of the following to be second-class Constables is authorized from April 20 :—

M. Blake

A. Murphy

M. Ganley

Watch Clubs.—A letter from the China Mutual Life Insurance Company addressed to the Captain Superintendent is read pointing out that Messrs. Lind and Kinchela, whose names occur in the Police Report for February in connexion with the Shanghai Chinese Gold Chain Club, are therein incorrectly described as being in the employ of the Company. This circumstance is noted accordingly.

Sanitation beyond Limits.

With reference to the dumping of coffins in the neighbourhood of the Harbin Road sub-station the following letter is ordered for publication :—

Council Room,

Shanghai, April 3, 1908.

SIR,—I have the honour to inform you that from Police Reports of recent date the Council is informed that coffins to the number of 54, together with corpses enveloped in matting only, have of late been placed immediately beyond the limits of the Settlement, in the rear of certain licensed laundries near the Harbin Road Police Sub-Station.

Efforts have been made to obtain the removal of the grave and dangerous nuisance thus occasioned, by calling the attention of the tipao thereto, but without satisfactory result, since the bulk of the coffins and corpses remain as before, a few only having been removed by a neighbouring dairy-keeper.

That a pestilential nuisance of this description may exist within three hundred yards of a foreign habitation is a matter for deep concern, and I venture to think that this is a striking justification of the view expressed in my letter of July 17, on the subject of action beyond the termination of the Woosung Road. This instance may thus be joined to that cited in my letter of July 29, which will doubtless be within the recollection of the Consular Body, referring to a petition from residents in Markham Place as to an exactly similar nuisance. Before, however, proceeding in accordance with the course then indicated, I have the honour to communicate the facts for the information of your colleagues and yourself.

The Council is confident that the good offices of the Consular Body will be readily accorded, both in anticipating in this case the complaint of the Native Authorities, to which preventive measures may give rise, by bringing the matter to their notice, and in generally defending all Municipal action beyond limits, which these and similar circumstances obviously dictate.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

DAVID LANDALE,

Chairman.

D. Siffert, Esq.,

Consul General for Belgium
and Senior Consul.

Inspection of Lifts.

A report as to the practice in respect to lifts in public use at home is submitted from which it appears that no governmental or municipal supervision is exercised in Hongkong or England, and the Council's reply in these terms to the Consular Body's suggestion is ordered for publication.

Shanghai, January 15, 1908.

SIR,—On behalf of the Consular Body I have the honour to call the attention of the Council to the advisability of taking some measures for the inspection of lifts in the International Concession. Lifts are now more and more in use in Shanghai and we think

that in the interests of the public safety some Municipal control should be exercised towards the maintenance of their good working condition.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

D. SIFFERT,

*Consul General for Belgium,
and Senior Consul.*

D. LANDALE, Esq.,

Chairman, Municipal Council.

Council Room,

Shanghai, March 17, 1908.

SIR,—With respect to your letter of January 15 last, calling attention to the absence of control over lifts in the Settlement, I have the honour to state that the subject continues to engage the Council's attention. Inquiries are in progress as to the amount of supervision which is given to lifts elsewhere, and the Council will, in its discretion, make proposals at a later date for handling the question.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Yours obedient servant,

DAVID LANDALE,

Chairman.

D. SIFFERT, Esq.,

Consul-General for Belgium,
and Senior Consul.

Council Room,

Shanghai, April 16, 1908.

SIR,—In further reply to your letter of January 15 last, respecting the supervision of lifts, inquiry in Hongkong and in England has elicited the fact that no regular inspection of these contrivances is conducted by any Government Department.

It appears, therefore, to the Council to be doubtful whether there is occasion for a special additional By-law applying to the lifts in the Settlement, which at present number less than thirty.

I may observe that so far as electrical equipment is concerned periodical inspection is carried out by the Council's electrical staff.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

DAVID LANDALE,

Chairman.

D. SIFFERT, Esq.,

Consul General for Belgium,
and Senior Consul.

Land Assessment.

Western District.—The appeals against the valuations of Messrs. Scott and Algar for this District are submitted, together with the assessors' comments thereon and, upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the following decisions are recorded with reference thereto :—

Lot 190.—A reduction to Tls. 12,000 is authorized.

Lot 1309.—Public Recreation Ground. The taxation of the Ground will remain as heretofore, at the nominal rate of Tls. 5 per annum.

Lots 2120, 2148.—Reductions to Tls. 3,500 and Tls. 3,000 respectively are authorized.

Lot 2191.—Reduced to Tls. 6,000.

Lot 2830.—Reduced to Tls. 3,750.

Lots 6100/1.—Reduced to Tls. 1,300.

Lot 6140.—Reduced to Tls. 1,800.

With respect to the remaining appeals the Committee is unable to grant any abatement for reasons generally in consonance with the assessor's comments, and the Council endorses this view.

Financial Statement.

At the recommendation of the Finance Committee it is decided to publish the Financial Statement quarterly, showing the sums paid to date under each departmental heading.

Garden Bridge.

Arising out of the construction of the new Bridge an arrangement has been concluded with the Astor House Hotel Company whereby, in addition to the construction of a retaining wall round the curved portion of the Astor House Garden, a railing, somewhat similar to that on the south side of the Bridge, will be erected along the whole Whangpoo Road frontage, at a total estimated cost of Tls. 1,042. This course is sanctioned with a view to uniformity of general appearance.

Electricity Department.

The minutes of the Electricity Committee of April 7, are read and confirmed. There were present :—

Messrs. E. C. Pearce (Chairman)
J. Grant Mackenzie
H. W. Pilcher
The Electrical Engineer and
The Secretary.

Public Lighting.—The purchase of 100 lamps of the Tungsten Series System from Messrs. Andersen, Meyer & Co. at a cost of G. \$1,595, f.o.b. New York is recommended. In view of the probability that the successful operation of these lamps will enable the lighting of side streets to be secured by the Department more generally, at a price nearer that now paid for incandescent gas, the order is authorized.

Indents.—Three, involving an expenditure of £3,772 for magnet coils, wattmeters and various other ordinary stores for the maintenance and general working of the undertaking to be

obtained as usual from different firms through the London Agents, are submitted and approved, together with one on the General Electric Company, New York, for bushings, series coils, globes, etc., for G. \$674.

Staff.—A revised schedule of pay for collectors and meter-readers is submitted and approved under which these employees will join at the rate of Tls. 115 per mensem and increase to Tls. 200 after eighteen years' service. This scheme will be brought into force as from January 1, 1908.

The meeting adjourns at 6.20 p.m.

The following documents are ordered for publication with the foregoing minutes :—

Health Department.**Notification of Infectious Disease.**

The following have been reported during the week ending Sunday, April 12, 1908.	Deaths amongst Chinese population of 530,000	Cases notified amongst Non-Chinese population of 14,500.
Small-pox.	3	0
Cholera.	0	0
Typhoid Fever.	—	0
Diphtheria.	0	0
Scarlet Fever.	1	0
Tuberculosis.	11	0
Total Deaths from all Causes	142	3

ARTHUR STANLEY,
Health Officer.

Engineer's Report for March.

Works in Progress.—Sikh Gurdwara. Boundary Walls at Gaol. New Cells, Sinza Police Station. Swimming Bath Alterations. Council Room Alterations. Bubbling Well Cemetery Out-buildings. Offices Quarters, Transformer Station and foundations for boilers, machinery, etc., at Electricity Works.

Garden Bridge and Chekiang Road Bridge, Subsidiary Works. New Jetty opposite the Shanghai Club. Laying 3-ft. 0-in. diam. culvert along Siccawei Road from Great Western Road to the Yungzeenpang Concrete Bunding at Museum Road. Laying 3-ft. 0-in. diam. culvert at Seymour Road. Jarrah Wood Block paving at the Nanking and Chekiang Road Junctions. Mudfilling to Thorburn Road and Batavia Road.

Bricking to Chusan Road, and Alabaster Road west of North Thibet Road. Landing Jetty North Soochow Road east of North Thibet Road. Steam Roller Shed, North Honan Road. North and South Approaches to Chekiang Road Bridge. South Approach to Garden Bridge.

Works Finally Completed.—Approach Road to new Passenger Pontoons. Laying 3-ft. 0-in. diam. culvert along Avenue Road east of Gordon Road. Repairs to Yates Road Bridge and North Kiangee Road Bridge. Laying 2-ft. 3-in. by 1-ft. 6-in. Sewer along North Szechuen Road Extension. Laying 3-ft. 0-in. diam. culvert Lay Road. Bricking and metalling East Yuhang Road Extension and Kalgan Road.

Garden Bridge.—The Pylons have now been completed. The remaining piles of the cofferdams, having been sawn off to low water level, are now being driven to the depth required by the Harbour Authorities. The South Approach wall adjoining the Public Garden was commenced during the month and is well in hand. A timber cofferdam has been constructed at the south-west corner of the bridge, preparatory to completing the concrete bunding. The stone slope and concrete bunding at the south-west corner are well in hand. The kerb and paving to the South Approach is being proceeded with.

Chekiang Road Bridge.—The timber decking has been completed. The Bridge has been painted one coat and two more coats will be put on during the month. The North and South Approaches are practically complete. The concrete bunding at the south-west corner of the Bridge has been raised to proper level and the concrete bundings on the east side of the Bridge on the north and south bank of the creek are well in hand.

Public Lighting.—Whashing Road and Jansen Road have been lighted by means of incandescent gas lamps.

Tramways.—The laying of the rails at the junction of Nanking and Chekiang Roads has been completed on the north side. The south side is being proceeded with and when this is finished, the system will be complete.

Plans Completed.—Wooden bunding, Hongkew Creek north of East Yalu Road. Jetties North Soochow Road east of North Thibet Road.

Cleansing.—Thirty-two cartloads of garbage, 2,693 cartloads of road detritus and 2,382 cartloads of gully deposit have been collected during the month.

Quarry.—4,637 tons of road materials have been received during the month from the Council's Quarry, and 1,405 tons were dispatched from the Quarry for account of the French Municipal Council.

Concrete ware.—The following concrete ware has been made at the Council's Hongkew Depot during the month :—

Machine made.....3,117 pieces.

Hand made.....1,060 „

Total.....4,177 „

Creeks and River.—Mud has been removed as follows.

Defence Creek354 tons.

New Buildings.—Plans have been approved by the Council for the erection of 532 buildings made up as follows:

Western District305
Central District 24
Northern District178
Eastern District 25

Total.....532

The following table shows lengths of drains of various sizes laid on private property by the Department during the month:—

Heading.	Unit.	Districts.				Total
		W.	C.	N.	E.	
12" Pipe Drain	ft. run	42	88	—	—	130
9" Pipe Drain	"	274	88	40	40	442
6" Pipe Drain	"	314	—	190	418	922
4" Pipe Drain	"	124	—	22	120	266
Yard Gullies	Nos.	32	—	6	17	55
Manholes	"	15	11	13	15	54
Main drain connexions ...	"	5	7	6	5	23

Survey Work.

Official measurements of new land lots attended during the month... 94
Cadastral Certificates issued..... 14
Consular lots surveyed..... 21
Surveys made in connexion with Road Widening and/or Extensions..... 44
Lots examined to ascertain whether they included roads or waterways which are or may in future be of use to the public..... 46
Consular lots examined as to condition of boundary stones 20
M.C.R. Stones have been erected as follows:

Western District... 15 stones.
Central District.... —
Northern District... 10
Eastern District... 23
Outside Limits..... 7

Total 55 stones

Miscellaneous.

The average number of labourers employed during the month exclusive of contract work has been 2,377 as against 2,643 during March 1907.

Works Completed on Existing Roads.

The following is a tabulated statement of the different works completed during the month:—

Heading.	Unit.	Districts.				Total.
		W.	C.	N.	E.	
<i>Drainage.</i>						
Tidal ditches cleaned	ft. run	17893			3650	21543
Sewers cleaned	"	4969				4969
6" Drains laid	"			11		11
Street gullies laid	Nos.		1	2		3
<i>Roads.</i>						
Metalling	ft. sup.		24021	65596		89617
Kerb & Channel laid.....	ft. run	8		693	15	716
do. do. relaid	"		689			689
Chippaved margins laid	"			1707		1707
do. do. relaid	"	3641	1100			4741
do. carriageways laid ...	"			1853		1853
do. do. reprd....	"				783	783
Rolling and sanding	"	1460				1460
Macadam roads repaired.....	"	4803	1060	2703		8566
<i>Foot Pavement.</i>						
Concrete paving laid	ft. run			246		246
do. do. relaid	"		336			336
Chippaved footways laid.....	"			325		325
Macadam footways repaired ...	"	624			380	1004
<i>Miscellaneous.</i>						
Public Gas lamps erected	Nos.		3		9	12
Street nameplates fixed	"	6				6
Gas, Water and other trenches opened	ft. run	1365	2166	2755	67	6353
Telephone poles erected	Nos.	35	3			38
Electric Light Poles erected ...	"				22	22

Works Completed on Road Widening and Extensions.

Works have been completed on Kiangse Road, Hoopah Road, Bund Pontoon Approach Road, Avenue Road, Chengtu Road, Great Western Road, Chusan Road, Kwenming Road, East Yuhang Road, Kalgan Road, Lay Road, East Kashing Road, North Szechuen Road Extension, Alabaster Road, Elgin Road and North Chekiang Road, as shown by the following table:—

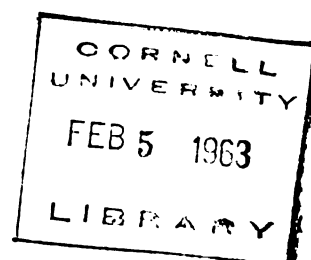
Heading.	Unit.	Districts.				Total.
		W.	C.	N.	E.	
<i>Drainage.</i>						
Tidal ditches cleaned	ft. run			1350		1350
3'0" Culverts laid	"	124			77	201
1'6" x 1'0" Sewers laid	"			797		797
12" Sewers laid	"			505	215	720
9" Sewers laid	"	6		28	14	48
6" Drains laid.....	"	130	436	130	80	776
Street gullies laid	Nos.	4	15	14	5	38
Street gullies renewed	"			2	2	4
Brick manholes constructed ...	"	2	7	13		22
Retaining walls constructed ...	"	4				4
<i>Roads.</i>						
Bricking	ft. sup.	3861		4332	2552	10745
Metalling	"	3861		4389	18899	27149
Raising	ft. run	191				191
Tar Macadam laid	"		450			450
Concrete kerb laid	"		932			932
Kerb and Channel laid	"			754	655	1409
Kerb and Channel relaid	"		365			365
Chippaved margins laid	"			35		35
Chippaved carriageways laid ...	"				608	608
Macadam roads repaired.....	"			79		79
<i>Footpavements.</i>						
Concrete paving laid	"		265	472	622	1359
Tar paving repaired	"		580			580
Chippaved footways laid.....	"		90	47	9	146
Macadam footways laid	"	58				58
<i>Miscellaneous.</i>						
M. C. R. Stones fixed	Nos.	19				19
Foochow pole railing erected ...	ft. run	48				48

CHARLES MAYNE,
Engineer & Surveyor.

Summary of Revenue for March.

Description	Estimate	1908			1907			1906		
		Number	Amount	Total from January 1.	Number	Amount	Total from January 1.	Number	Amount	Total from January 1.
	Tls.		Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.		Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.		Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
LAND TAX.....	683,520	—	7,849.37	7,849.37	—	13,784.53	14,133.30	—	69,232.65	69,272.38
GENERAL MUNICIPAL RATE—										
Foreign.....	443,000	—	23,522.56	24,918.01	—	33,819.71	34,204.16	—	33,336.30	40,038.13
Native.....	668,000	—	29,534.30	139,679.77	—	34,840.79	125,176.08	—	28,580.71	118,782.44
WHARFAGE DUES.....	175,000	—	38,529.32	38,529.32	—	44,496.99	44,496.99	—	57,278.14	57,278.14
LICENSE FEES—										
Foreign Hotel and Tavern..	6,500	—	—	1,283.75	—	—	1,372.75	—	—	1,468.75
Foreign Liquor Seller	18,500	4	76.34	4,603.02	7	153.34	4,780.00	7	233.33	4,660.00
Restaurant	4,700	—	—	1,135.00	1	30.00	1,230.00	1	30.00	1,350.00
Billiard and Bowling Saloon	700	—	—	173.50	—	—	162.00	—	—	168.00
Native Lodging-house	5,800	1	2.87	1,273.23	3	4.70	1,195.02	—	—	1,056.32
Native Wine-shop	9,500	5	5.81	1,917.46	3	2.17	1,921.37	13	26.10	1,789.06
Tea-shop	5,700	531	447.07	1,392.34	509	430.83	1,328.64	480	417.72	1,263.60
Foreign Theatre	1,200	14	114.00	552.00	9	129.35	296.35	11	94.00	281.00
Native Theatre	3,000	22	237.00	727.00	22	219.00	669.50	18	193.00	618.00
Pawn-shop	17,500	—	—	4,654.48	196	4,906.80	4,906.60	194	3,783.15	3,789.15
Opium-shop	4,000	86	360.53	1,054.31	94	379.18	1,181.14	118	471.16	1,426.76
Opium-house	58,000	1,437	4,744.88	14,483.62	1,630	5,200.54	15,864.45	1,668	5,331.66	15,947.09
Cargo Boat	5,800	884	470.54	1,315.58	945	509.08	1,438.95	1,086	599.91	1,526.17
Ferry or Passenger Boat ...	1,100	55	79.97	244.04	70	101.64	301.29	68	98.19	285.75
Steam Launch.....	2,200	43	58.16	534.51	49	71.15	519.63	50	72.20	408.71
Native Boat.....	3,800	1,606	354.25	942.49	1,720	362.83	888.88	1,858	374.02	921.88
Sampan.....	1,600	214	155.40	417.28	253	183.30	515.55	292	218.29	534.60
Private-owned Pony and Carriage	14,000	P. 196 } C. 165 }	413.17	3,010.38	P. 100 } C. 76 }	219.18	3,071.34	P. 178 } C. 141 }	388.60	2,915.97
Livery Stable	25,000	P. 307 } C. 637 }	2,437.43	7,192.26	P. 844 } C. 675 }	2,573.62	7,652.09	P. 902 } C. 720 }	2,728.42	8,168.75
Motor Car.....	2,100	10	17.43	444.22	10	23.91	321.46	6	15.93	187.66
Cart	17,000	1,064	1,305.27	4,940.71	1,081	1,109.69	4,210.92	1,010	1,272.20	4,466.80
Private-owned Ricscha	40,000	206	251.96	7,673.79	119	119.48	7,889.90	197	170.67	7,540.60
Public Ricscha	95,000	8,417	9,173.74	27,620.29	8,204	8,945.84	27,126.02	7,974	8,628.52	25,720.95
Sedan-chair	5,800	17	45.75	1,457.96	136	288.53	1,541.22	44	95.31	1,847.70
Wheel-barrow	37,000	8,529	3,617.39	9,749.14	8,494	3,608.84	9,571.83	8,182	3,283.20	8,533.39
Firearms	10,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dog	800	307	222.88	538.48	71	51.47	242.05	71	51.62	336.56
RENT OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTIES—										
Markets.....	35,000	2,633	2,772.68	8,667.82	2,224	2,301.27	7,231.46	2,110	2,181.36	6,628.77
Town Hall	1,000	—	—	86.95	—	305.00	305.00	—	85.00	275.00
Firemen's Quarters.....	1,400	—	140.00	287.00	—	—	160.00	—	222.00	428.00
Cadastral Lot 168 C.	700	—	—	700.00	—	350.00	1,050.00	—	—	—
FROM PUBLIC COMPANIES—										
Gas Co., Ltd.	6,000	—	480.70	1,435.47	—	455.57	1,340.10	—	—	—
Mutual Telephone Co., Ltd...	7,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Electric Construction Co., Ltd.	15,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total Tls.	2,429,920		127,450.57	321,484.55		169,928.13	328,296.04		219,493.36	389,905.13

A. JOHNSFORD,
Overseer of Taxes.



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FRIDAY, MAY 1, 1908.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1908.

SALE OF FIREARMS.

THE public is hereby notified that on and after April 1 all sellers of and dealers in firearms are required to take out a license under Byelaw XXXIV.

The security in respect thereto is Tls. 250, and the following fees are payable quarterly as passed at the Annual Meeting of Ratepayers held on March 20, 1908:—

Wholesale	Tls. 150
Retail	„ 75

By order,

J. B. MACKINNON,
Assistant Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, April 28, 1908.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1909.

PUBLIC BAND.

On and after Monday, May 11, the Band will play on weekdays (weather permitting) as follows:—

In the PUBLIC GARDEN.—Every afternoon except Tuesdays and Saturdays at 5 o'clock p.m.

In the PUBLIC RECREATION GROUND.—On Saturdays at 4 o'clock p.m.

On and after Sunday, May 3, performances will take place on Sundays in the TOWN HALL, at 9 p.m.

By order,

J. B. MACKINNON,
Assistant Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, April 30, 1908.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1910.

PUBLIC SWIMMING BATH.

The Swimming Bath in the North Szechuen Road, adjoining the Hongkew Recreation Ground, will be open from and after to-morrow, May 1, from 5 o'clock a.m. to 8 o'clock p.m.

The Bath will be reserved for the use of ladies and children every day, except Sundays, from 9 o'clock a.m. to 12 o'clock noon.

Admission will be by ticket, price 10 cents, procurable at the door. Books of 30 tickets may also be obtained, price \$2.50.

By order,

J. B. MACKINNON,
Assistant Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, April 30, 1908.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1911.

TRAFFIC.

The following amended Police Regulation is published for general information and observance:—

1.—Drivers must keep on the left hand side of the road, and when passing other vehicles, *except tramcars*, going in the same direction, must do so on the right hand side. *When passing tramcars whether moving or, stationary they must, where practicable, do so on the left hand side.*

By order,

J. B. MACKINNON,
Assistant Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, April 30, 1908.

THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, April 22, 1908, at 4.30 p.m., there are present:

Messrs. D. Landale (*Chairman*)
A. W. Burkill
W. D. Little
A. D. Lowe
J. H. McMichael
O. Meuser
W. A. C. Platt
J. Prentice and
Assistant Secretary.

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Volunteers.

Annual Inspection.—General Broadwood's report on the Inspection of the Corps, conducted at the beginning of the month, is read and ordered for publication. In expressing the Council's thanks for this document, it is decided to refer to the members' gratification at the satisfactory state of the Corps which it indicates:—

Hongkong, April 12, 1908.

SIR,—On completion of my inspection of the Shanghai Volunteer Corps, I beg to state that I have found the discipline, training and equipment of the Corps in a very satisfactory condition and that the force is thoroughly efficient for the performance of its task in the defence of the Settlement.

There are no special points to which I wish to draw your attention.

Yours faithfully,

R. G. BROADWOOD,
*Major-General Commanding
Troops in South China.*

D. LANDALE, Esq.,
Chairman, Municipal Council.

Police.

Officers.—Captain A. H. Hilton-Johnson, Lincolnshire Regiment, is appointed Assistant Superintendent for the Chinese Branch of the Force as from April 15, upon which date it is noted that he entered upon his duties.

Foreign Branch.—The promotion of P.C. Foley to be 2nd Class Constable is authorised as from April 20.

Nine months leave is granted to Sub-Inspectors Johnston and Spottiswoode, to date from May 12 and June 20 respectively.

The resignations of Sergeants Coleman and Hamill are accepted with effect from April 20.

Recreation Fund.—The issue from the fund of a sum of \$137 in connexion with Police use of the Gymnasium, to be expended on the purchase of mats, is authorised.

Premium Bonds.—Reference is made to an advertisement which has appeared in the Foreign press relating to Continental State and Municipal bonds, and in view of the possibility that their purchase, especially by Chinese, may later give rise to question, it is directed in the first place that enquiry be instituted as to the procedure in connexion therewith, and the conditions of sale generally.

Sale Firearms.

A form of licence applying both to wholesale and retail dealers is submitted and approved, and it is directed that attention be drawn by public notification to the fees payable thereunder. The conditions are as follows:—

CONDITIONS.

- 1.—That the license be not transferable.
- 2.—That on a breach of any of its conditions the license be subject to withdrawal or suspension by the Council, and the whole or any part of the money deposited as security liable to forfeiture at the option of the Council, and the licensee be liable to prosecution.
- 3.—That the licensee keep a Register in which shall be entered all firearms imported, received or sold, giving the date of each transaction and the name and address of the purchaser.

4.—That the Police on duty or other officer appointed for that purpose by the Council have access to the Register during reasonable hours.

5.—That any person desiring to buy firearms locally be required to fill in a certificate, to be supplied to him by the licensee, in which shall be entered his name, address and occupation and the object and destination of such purchase. Any native buyer shall also be vouched for by a responsible foreigner.

6.—That no firearms be sold to a person of uncertain or suspicious character or occupation and that no sales be made likely to endanger the peace of the Settlement.

In this connexion the insertion of a clause in the license issued to native pawnbrokers, is authorized, prohibiting the acceptance of firearms in pledge.

Hotel and Restaurant Licenses.

In connexion with the Council's decision published in the Municipal Gazette of April 9, appeals from Mr. C. A. Biddle and Mr. L. Horenstein are read and considered, and directions are given that replies be made to the effect that no departure in this respect from the view first entertained, is under the circumstances warranted.

Ta Wang Temple Procession.

A letter from the Mixed Court Magistrate is submitted, requesting withdrawal of a permit which he presumes has been issued to the Association managing the Ta Wang Procession.

It is observed, with reference to this request, that the grounds upon which it is advanced are similar to those contained in a letter from the Taotai to the Senior Consul as to the prohibition of the procession, which was the subject of the Council's reply of July 5 last. Allusion is made to the view then expressed that such prohibition would be calculated to irritate a large section of the native community without cause. Although, therefore, no permit has been applied for on this occasion, and the procession has not for some reason taken place, the Council reaffirms the decision that it shall for the future be permitted within the Settlement as usual.

House Refuse Removal.

A report by the Health Officer is read to the effect that the tenderer selected for this work in accordance with the minute published in the Municipal Gazette of April 16, has withheld his signature from the agreement, to the terms of which he formerly assented. The Watch Committee therefore recommends that the work be performed by the Department, and the proposal to lease sites for depots, and hire boats for conveyance of the refuse, is authorised accordingly.

Court of Foreign Consuls.

The judgment in the case of A. Bookless is read and ordered for publication for purposes of record:—

JUDGMENT.

Shanghai, April 16. 1908.

After careful consideration of the evidence in this case this Court is of opinion that the Plaintiff was clearly guilty of an act of insubordination in refusing to go on duty except as a detective sergeant, the position he held previous to going on leave in 1907. Judgment is therefore given for the Defendants with costs.

Case of Mr. W. T. Evans.

The Finance Committee's recommendation that the sum of \$6,000 be granted to Mr. Evans, under the special authority given at the Annual Meeting of Ratepayers, is approved.

Publication of Minutes.

The offer of the *North China Daily News* to forward the Municipal Gazette to all Ratepayers who are not subscribers to the newspaper, without extra charge, is accepted

The meeting adjourns at 5.40 p.m.

The following documents are ordered for publication with the foregoing minutes:—

Opium House Licenses.			Number drawn.	Address.	License Fee	Number drawn.	Address.	Licence Fee \$
List of licensed opium houses, of which the names were drawn on April 18 for closure on July 1, in accordance with the procedure indicated in the special minute published in the North-China Daily News of April 3 :—			190	D 56 Shantung Road	3.00	483	500 Canton Rd. Upper portion.	3.50
			193	D 117 „ Lower portion.	2.00	502	LL 75 Thibet Road	1.50
			195	120 „	1.50	503	LA 1 Yeh Kway Lee	2.50
			210	D 308 „	3.00	504	4 „	2.50
			211	311 „	4.00	506	16 „	3.00
			212	312 „	4.00	507	27 „	2.50
			214	317a „	4.00	509	72 „	3.00
			221	328 „	4.00	510	76 „	3.00
			222	331 „	5.00	516	Lc 36 Se Zang Ling	1.50
			229	E 303 Shanse Road	3.00	527	M 135 Foochow Road	5.00
			234	311 „	4.00	530	168 „	5.00
			238	G 53 Fokien Road	5.00	534	222 „	3.00
			243	86 „	5.00	536	224 „	5.00
			245	88 „	5.00	538	241 „	5.00
			251	101 „	5.00	539	242 „	5.00
<i>1st Drawing Nos. 1 to 117.</i>			254	104 „	5.00	540	243 „	5.00
			261	168 „	5.00	541	245 „	5.00
4	AA 38 Ping Cha Ka	2.00	262	169 „	5.00	546	285 „ East portion	2.00
6	B 165 Kiangse Road	2.00	269	184 „	3.00	547	301 „	4.00
11	C 234 Honan Road	3.50	272	189 „	3.00	554	M 396 „	5.00
12	C 235 „	4.00	278	691 „	5.00	563	469 „	3.00
13	E 107 Shanse Road	1.50	280	693 „	5.00	566	484 „	4.00
15	E 110 „	1.50	282	701 „	5.00	567	490 „	5.00
16	E 118 „	2.00	283	702 „	5.00	576	545 „	1.50
18	132 „	1.50	285	711 „	5.00	579	N 72 Hankow Road	3.50
22	156 „	5.00	287	713 „	5.00	586	196A „	1.00
27	208 „	3.00	291	732 „	5.00	591	220 „	4.00
31	G 236 Fokien Road	5.00	296	Gc 1 Pakhoi Road	5.00	593	229 „	1.00
35	270 „	3.00	299	7 „	5.00	597	233 „	1.00
37	429 „	3.50	305	30 „	5.00	598	253 „	4.00
40	GA 25 SouthHiangFungLoong	3.00	306	31 „	2.00	601	297 „	5.00
42	111 „ „	2.50	307	47 „	2.50	604	300 „	5.00
47	I 595 Ckekian Road	3.50	309	108 „	2.50	607	377 „ Lower portion.	2.50
51	LL 203 Thibet Road	2.50	313	215 „	4.00	610	O 17 Kiukiang Road	4.50
57	PP 187 Woo Foo Loong	3.00	316	345 „	2.50	612	43 „	4.00
59	193 „	3.00	323	H 17 Hoopoh Road	2.50	617	136 „	1.00
75	S 328 Ningpo Road	2.50	324	20 „	2.50	620	176 „	3.00
79	344 „	3.00	333	H 210 „	2.50	631	OA 22 Toong Sing Ka	3.00
87	U 340 Peking Road	4.00	335	212 „	5.00	632	23 „	3.00
97	1287 „	1.50	341	223 „	5.00	651	R 141 Yunnan Road	1.50
105	Vv 278 Amoy Road	2.00	342	224 „	5.00	652	144 „	1.50
109	490 „	2.00	343	225 „	5.00	653	145 „	1.50
111	X 25 Chefoo Road	2.50	360	399 „	2.50	661	164 „	3.00
113	Y 110 Lloyd Road	2.50	376	I 42 Chekiang Road	5.00	662	174 „	1.50
115	463 „	4.50	380	47 „	5.00	663	175 „	1.50
116	464 „	2.50	384	51 „	3.00	668	213 „	1.50
<i>2nd Drawing Nos. 118 to 137.</i>			386	54 „	5.00	671	278 „	1.00
			387	55 „	5.00	675	445 „	1.50
			389	57 „	5.00	680	R 527 Yunnan Road	1.50
			392	60 „	5.00	681	RR 17 Swatow Road	1.50
			395	116 „	2.50	685	61 „	1.50
121	C 242 Honan Road	5.50	396	133 „	5.00	691	Z 107 Kwangse Road	4.00
123	297 „	7.50	400	173 „	4.00	702	203 „	2.00
128	I 207 Chekiang Road	10.00	404	720 „	2.50	709	438 „	1.50
135	U 1164a Peking Road	6.00	408	731 „	5.00	713	442 „	1.50
137	Vv 92 Amoy Road	5.50	412	806 „	3.00	714	443 „	2.00
			416	810 „	5.00	715	444 „	2.00
			417	811 „	3.00	718	459 „	1.50
			420	814 „	5.00	729	484 „	1.50
<i>3rd Drawing Nos. 138 to 145.</i>			427	J 101 Sungkiang Road	1.50	730	485 „	1.50
			429	103 „	1.50	733	491 „	2.00
143	I 221 Chekiang Road	51.00	433	107 „	1.50	737	538 „	1.50
145	P 156 Nanking Road	56.00	436	114 „	1.00	741	543 „	1.50
			439	JA 12 Sungkiang Loong	2.00	745	572 „	2.50
			441	K 3 Wuhu Road	2.50	<i>5th Drawing Nos. 747 to 822.</i>		
			444	48 „	2.50	749	BA 77 Toong Ge Bae Ka	8.00
<i>4th Drawing Nos. 146 to 746.</i>			447	K 52 Wuhu Road	3.00	756	Cc 69 King Loong Ka	5.50
			456	L 181 Canton Road	5.00	759	CA 14 Se Ge Bae Ka	5.50
149	Cc 4a King Loong Ka	2.00	464	257 „	3.00	761	D 22 Shantung Road	9.00
153	46 „	2.00	465	258 „	5.00	766	334 „	6.00
154	47 „	2.50	467	260 „	5.00	771	G 109 Fokien Road	8.50
157	CA 11 Se Ge Bae Ka	1.50	472	393 „	2.00	773	641 „	8.00
174	114 „	1.50	474	429 „	3.00	787	L 172 Canton Road	13.00
176	116 „	1.50	477	474 „	3.00	789	223 „	8.00
180	150 „	1.50	478	475 „	3.00	791	237 „	7.00
184	157 „	1.50	480	489 „	2.50	792	241 „	7.50
185	163 „	1.00						

Number drawn.	Address.	Licence Fee \$	Number drawn.	Address.	Licence Fee \$	Number drawn.	Address.	Licence Fee
<i>6th Drawing Nos. 823 to 845.</i>								
796	M 122 Foochow Road.	27.00	1058	Xb 95 Dong Ka Loong	2.00	<i>15th Drawing Nos. 1292 to 1399.</i>		
797	136 "	6.00	1067	Xg 114 North Chekiang Road	3.50	1293	B 12 Sinza Road	3.50
803	287 "	7.00	1069	180 "	3.50	1294	25 "	2.50
804	392 "	7.50	1072	213 "	5.00	1300	338 "	4.50
805	477 "	20.00	1077	Y 1943 North Szechuen Road	4.00	1301	368 "	2.50
			1078	1983 "	3.50	1305	519 "	2.00
808	N 50 Hankow Road	6.50	<i>10th Drawing Nos. 1079 to 1087.</i>			1307	557 "	3.00
809	54 "	10.50				1308	558 "	3.00
813	306 "	6.00	1079	G 524 Tiendong Road	6.50	1321	D 12 Pingchiao Road	2.50
			1084	Pd 1012 Haining Road	5.50	1329	E 17a Burkill Road	3.50
<i>7th Drawing Nos. 846 to 907.</i>								
827	D. 345 Shantung Road	51.00	<i>11th Drawing Nos. 1088 to 1134.</i>			1331	489 "	2.50
828	G 235 Fokien Road	36.00				1333	640 "	2.00
830	H 333 Hoopoh Road	31.50	1096	L 490 Yangtszepoo Road	2.00	1334	705 "	2.00
833	M 120 Foochow Road	49.00	1102	822 "	2.00	1342	K 21 Park Road	2.50
835	163 "	59.00	1112	L 1339 "	3.00	1348	150 "	3.00
837	180 "	45.00	1119	La 1855 Lower Yangtszepoo	2.50	1350	562 "	2.50
			1122	2154 "	2.50	1355	M 426 Avenue Road	2.00
<i>8th Drawing Nos. 908 to 916.</i>								
849	C. 37 Woosung Road	5.00	1123	2164 "	2.00	1356	500 "	3.00
851	86 "	4.50	1124	2658 "	2.00	1357	Mm 32 Myburgh Road	2.00
853	287 "	5.00	1126	2663 "	2.00	1360	383 "	4.00
857	403 "	3.50	1128	2675 "	1.50	1362	O 46 Stonebridge	4.00
862	676 "	2.50	1129	3075 "	5.00	1365	140 "	5.00
866	1546 "	3.00	1131	3103 "	2.50	1373	Q 195 Chengtu Road	3.00
869	1585 "	3.50	1133	Lb 45 Wetmore Road	2.50	1374	242 "	3.00
878	Cd 12 Morrison Road	2.50			1.50	1383	S 10 Markham Road	3.50
884	F 72 Woochang Road	3.50	<i>12th Drawing Nos. 1135 to 1136.</i>			1384	299 "	1.50
889	318 "	2.00	1135	La 247 Lower Yangtszepoo	7.00	1395	W 314 Cho Dae Koh	2.00
893	G 32 Tiendong Road	1.50	<i>13th Drawing Nos. 1137 to 1279.</i>			1397	365 "	3.00
896	G 636 "	2.00				<i>16th Drawing Nos. 1400 to 1407.</i>		
901	J 3285 Seward Road	2.00	1140	A 506 Broadway East	2.00	1401	B 1654 Sinza Road	5.50
903	S 184 Fearon Road	2.50	1143	780 "	3.50	1404	2046 "	8.00
904	Y 33 North Szechuen Road	4.00	1148	1079 "	1.50	<i>17th Drawing Nos. 1408 to 1433.</i>		
			1151	B 14 Dixwell Road	3.50	1408	Fb 3 Siccawei Road	5.00
<i>9th Drawing Nos. 917 to 1078.</i>								
912	C 1570 Woosung Road	11.50	1152	225 "	2.50	1414	373 "	1.50
914	G 86 Tiendong Road	20.00	1157	1468 "	2.50	1421	J 40 Taku Road	2.50
			1161	Bb 274 Market Street	2.00	1423	67 "	3.00
917	F 410 Woochang Road	5.00	1165	Cc 1941 East Yuhang Road	2.50	1425	176 "	4.50
923	G 405 Tiendong Road	4.00	1172	Ca 1453 East Kashing Road	2.50	1429	287 "	4.50
925	409a "	3.50	1179	E 246 Li Hongkew Ka	2.00	1431	411 "	2.50
926	510 "	3.00	1181	Ea 130 Wuchow Road	2.00	<i>18th Drawing Nos. 1434 to 1435.</i>		
928	533a "	2.00	1183	646 "	3.00	1435	J 128 Taku Road	7.00
930	542 "	4.00	1184	649 "	1.50	<i>17th Drawing Nos. 1408 to 1433.</i>		
946	K 1197 Boone Road	1.50	1188	Eb 4 Sawgin Road	2.00	1408	Fb 3 Siccawei Road	5.00
952	2185 "	1.50	1196	J 431 Seward Road	3.50	1414	373 "	1.50
963	P 537 North Honan Road	3.50	1197	473 "	2.00	1421	J 40 Taku Road	2.50
967	Pp 13 Tong Dong Ka Loong	3.00	1201	753 "	3.00	1423	67 "	3.00
974	796 "	2.50	1204	1312 "	2.50	1425	176 "	4.50
985	PA 580 Tsepoo Road	2.50	1205	1397 "	3.50	1429	287 "	4.50
988	617 "	4.00	1215	2253 "	2.00	1431	411 "	2.50
991	756 "	2.50	1216	2254 "	3.00	<i>18th Drawing Nos. 1434 to 1435.</i>		
992	Pb 3 Purdon Road	3.50	1221	3016 "	5.00	1435	J 128 Taku Road	7.00
996	231 "	2.00	1223	Ja 151 Singkeipang	1.50	<i>17th Drawing Nos. 1408 to 1433.</i>		
999	761 "	3.00	1232	Q 45 Yuenfong Road	3.00	1408	Fb 3 Siccawei Road	5.00
1001	Pc 183 Range Road	3.50	1237	184 "	4.00	1414	373 "	1.50
1004	Pd 266 Haining Road	2.50	1238	185 "	2.50	1421	J 40 Taku Road	2.50
1012	996 "	3.00	1240	187 "	3.00	1423	67 "	3.00
1015	Pd 1159 Haining Road	2.50	1249	R 248 East Hanbury	3.50	1425	176 "	4.50
1016	1620 "	2.50	1253	387 "	4.00	1429	287 "	4.50
1017	1621 "	2.00	1264	1072 "	2.50	1431	411 "	2.50
1018	1709 "	3.50	1267	T 18 Hwakee Road	2.50	<i>18th Drawing Nos. 1434 to 1435.</i>		
1021	1799 "	2.50	1269	101 "	2.50	1435	J 128 Taku Road	7.00
1023	2183 "	1.50	1272	595 "	2.00	<i>17th Drawing Nos. 1408 to 1433.</i>		
1025	2680 "	3.00	1277	U 68 Yuenchong Road	2.50	1408	Fb 3 Siccawei Road	5.00
1031	Pz 16 Elgin Road	3.00	1278	91 "	2.50	1414	373 "	1.50
1034	411 "	2.50	1279	99 "	3.00	1421	J 40 Taku Road	2.50
1037	1033 "	5.00	<i>14th Drawing Nos. 1280 to 1291.</i>			1423	67 "	3.00
1045	Xa 2 North Fokien Road	4.50				1425	176 "	4.50
1048	83 "	3.50	1281	A 788 Broadway East	6.00	1429	287 "	4.50
1050	500 "	1.50	1286	J 210 Seward Road	12.00	1431	411 "	2.50
1054	599 "	2.50	1289	3032 "	5.50	<i>18th Drawing Nos. 1434 to 1435.</i>		

Health Department. Notification of Infectious Disease.

The following have been reported during the week ending Sunday, April 26, 1908.	Deaths among Chinese population of 530,000	Cases notified among Non-Chinese population of 14,500.
Small-pox.	3	0
Cholera.	0	0
Typhoid Fever.	—	0
Diphtheria.	4	1
Scarlet Fever.	0	1
Tuberculosis.	25	0
Total Deaths from all Causes	172	0

ARTHUR STANLEY,
Health Officer.

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No. 1910.
PUBLIC SWIMMING BATH.

THE Swimming Bath in the North Szechuen Road, adjoining the Hongkew Recreation Ground, will be open from and after to-morrow, May 1, from 5 o'clock a.m. to 8 o'clock p.m.

The Bath will be reserved for the use of ladies and children every day, except Sundays, from 9 o'clock a.m. to 12 o'clock noon.

Admission will be by ticket, price 10 cents, procurable at the door. Books of 30 tickets may also be obtained, price \$2.50.

By order,
J. B. MACKINNON,
Assistant Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, April 30, 1908.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.
No. 1911.
TRAFFIC.

THE following amended Police Regulation is published for general information and observance :—

1. Drivers must keep on the left hand side of the road and when passing other vehicles, *except tramcars*, going in the same direction, must do so on the right hand side. *When passing tramcars, whether moving or stationary, they must, where practicable, do so on the left hand side.*

By order,
J. B. MACKINNON,
Assistant Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, April 30, 1908.

The following documents are ordered for publication :—

Health Department.
Notification of Infectious Disease.

The following have been reported during the week ending Sunday, April 26, 1908.	Deaths among Chinese population of 530,000	Cases notified among Non-Chinese population of 14,500.
Small-pox.	0	0
Cholera.	0	0
Typhoid Fever.	—	3
Diphtheria.	0	1
Scarlet Fever.	0	1
Tuberculosis.	18	0
Total Deaths from all Causes	158	1

ARTHUR STANLEY,
Health Officer.

Health Officer's Report for April.

The public health during April has been very satisfactory. Small-pox has diminished almost to vanishing point. Seven cases only of infectious disease were notified among foreign residents. Relapsing fever broke out among the prisoners in the Hongkew Police Station towards the end of the month.

The vaccination sub-stations inaugurated last month in various parts of the Settlement have continued to function during April with even greater success. 1,891 vaccinations, mostly of infants, were done during the month, making a total of 3,900 vaccinations done by the Health Office during the present year.

The eagerness with which Chinese mothers have brought their infants to be vaccinated appears to show that the last barrier of ignorant prejudice has been removed and that the time when Shanghai may be a well vaccinated city is not so distant. As regards this particular measure great importance must be attached to the knowledge of Chinese by the Health Inspectors : practically all the sanitary staff now possess a working knowledge of the colloquial, which enables them, by getting into touch with the Chinese residents, to become useful apostles of hygiene.

During the past month over 70 per cent of the house refuse has been disposed of to countrymen for agricultural purposes. The agreement of the contractor for house refuse removal expired at the end of the month, and tenders were called for the ensuing year. As a result of more stringent methods making for betterment of the system little competition for the work could be stimulated, with the result that none of the tenders was of sufficient merit. Arrangements were therefore made for the Department itself to undertake the work of removal by boat from the shoots. It is proposed gradually to take over the work from the small contractors at present functioning, and to acquire suitable boats and a depôt where house refuse can be sorted, organic matter being stored and disposed of for agricultural purposes during the season when the demand occurs and inorganic material rendered available for the filling in of ponds, raising of sites, etc.

The license of the Kung Zung dairy has been withdrawn for ineradicable adulteration of milk and for maintaining the dairy in an insanitary condition after repeated prosecutions. This is the fourth dairy, where this extreme measure has been taken since the beginning of the year.

Tables of Vital Statistics, Infectious Disease and Outdoor Sanitary Work ; Work done in the Municipal Laboratory, Municipal Hospitals and Slaughterhouse ; and lists of Laundries, Dairies and Dealers in Perishable Food-stuffs, etc., licensed for the protection of Public Health follow, (*see last page.*)

ARTHUR STANLEY,
Health Officer.

Municipal Properties.

Hongkew Recreation Ground.—Extracts from Report by the Superintendent of Parks and Open Spaces with explanatory plan as to the manner of disposing of the Budget appropriation of Tls. 9,000 and of the additional sum of Tls. 10,000 to be used under arrangement with the Recreation Fund Trustees, as recently published :—

It is suggested that the appropriation of Tls. 19,000 be spent—

On completing the raising of the ground ...	Tls. 12,424
and on laying turf ...	4,856
Planting and miscellaneous ...	1,720
	<hr/> Tls. 19,000

Details :

Raising the recently acquired extension C (completed 1907) but still unpaid Fong 1,416 @ Tls. 1.15 per fong ...	1,628
Raising Section A Fong 4,528 @ Tls. 1.15 per fong ...	5,207
Raising Section D Fong 3,763 @ Tls. 1.15 per fong ...	4,327
Raising Section E with mud excavated from lake Fong 2,560 @ 0.42 per fong ...	1,075
Plus 93 Fong to complete this section @ Tls. 1.15 per fong ...	106
To raise the former entrance, etc. ...	81
	<hr/> 12,424

Turfing Section B 2,280 fong @ Tls. 0.76 per fong ...	1,733
Turfing Section C 870 fong @ Tls. 0.76 per fong ...	661
Turfing Section F 1,409 fong @ Tls. 0.76 per fong ...	1,070
	<hr/> 3,464

Miscellaneous.—

2 Wooden Huts @ Tls. 190 each ...	380
Bamboos, Peaches, etc.	300
Rustic Bridge at G. . .	80
Moving old Bridge to H ...	30
Conveying ashes for surfacing paths ...	30

Labour :

Planting, laying turf, grading moving boundary plantation, altering design, etc..	2,142
2 Summer Houses ...	150
	<hr/> 3,112
	<hr/> 19,000

Owing to the various extensions and alterations of the boundaries during the last three years, the original design has been modified. In forming the design now presented and partially executed, it was recognized that all available space should be allotted to playing areas. The playing area has been increased by removal of the creeks which originally intersected the ground, and making the pitches run north and south instead of east and west as in the original design. The experience of the last two years has, however, clearly shown the need for a park for the use also of those who do not require active recreation. It has been necessary therefore to provide also varied vegetation, shady retreats and space for promenading without devoting to this purpose places suitable for games. This is attained chiefly by reducing the size of the boundary plantations. Narrower plantations with outlying groups and masses intersected by grass have thus been substituted for continuous stretches from 90 to 100 feet in width as originally designed. The recesses have been deepened giving a greater variety of light and shadow, and producing an impression of greater distance, and the promontories also are of longer contour. The deepening of the recesses is effected by planting low-growing dark evergreens, while the appearance of the promontories is produced by planting tall light-coloured plants and shrubs. The general system of planting is in groups and masses of one, two and three kinds together, to give a quiet effect of harmony in colour. The majority of the trees planted are of hard wooded species, plane and ash trees being used but little since the dense shade they give is bad for the undergrowth.

The scheme may be described in detail as follows :—

The approach is from the main entrance by an avenue 20 feet wide flanked on either side by rows of evergreen magnolias. Immediately in front is a lawn 320 feet in diameter, encircled by a path 15 feet wide, on the other side of which is a colonnade of two rows of double flowering peach trees, designed to form in time a pleasant grass avenue. On the left, where the 15 ft. path joins the boundary, is first a mixed plantation consisting chiefly of English ash. Then oleanders and camelias followed by a herbaceous

border, behind which is a hedge of viburnum odoratissimum which will eventually form an evergreen hedge 20 feet high and nearly as much in depth. This border merges into a mixed shrubbery planted with early spring flowering plants such as cherries, spireas and daphnes, mingled with foliage plants such as the maple, remarkable for beautiful tints at this season of the year.

On the right hand side there is first a shady lawn planted chiefly with various kinds of oak and masses of evergreen shrubs. Here it is proposed to place the bandstand as the large amount of shade and the neighbourhood of the lake make it a desirable site.

A narrow path carried round the lake divides this lawn from the rose garden, in the centre of which it is proposed to place a rose bower with seating accommodation. Somewhat further on the left is a flower garden overlooked by a summer house placed in a recess in the boundary plantation. From this point on to the corner the boundary plantation is composed of summer flowering plants. Towards the south west corner a path winds through, and the section of the plantation on the left is turfed and planted with oaks and poplars representing a woodland scene in miniature. The section on the right of the path is planted with the same kind of trees, and with an undergrowth of flowering shrubs.

The western boundary is masked by plantations of large trees in order to provide shade from the western sun except at one point where, to leave a good view of a native temple, low evergreens are planted. About 200 yards from the north west corner an entrance gate is placed from which a drive 15 feet wide leads to a space reserved for a pavilion at the rear of which vehicles will stand. Beyond this is a grove of bamboos intersected by narrow winding paths, at the sides of which seats will be placed. At the north west corner there is a space for another summer house surrounded by pine trees. Here the path turns and follows the northern boundary to its junction with a smaller path which runs across the grounds to the rose garden, completing the circuit of the chief cricket and football ground.

From the northern boundary the path curves inward towards a recess in which is placed a semi-circular flower-garden half surrounded by a terrace to be planted with palms, musas and colocasias giving a tropical appearance to this corner. Further on, masked by projecting plantations, is a pool which will be planted with various aquatic plants. From here the path runs round a bowling-green towards the eastern boundary, and follows the margin of the large lake on the eastern side passing a second cricket pitch on its right, to the creek, over which a rough concrete bridge may later be placed so as to harmonize with the rockery beyond. A short distance further on it joins the 15 ft. path which passes round the circular lawn and thus completes the circuit of the Ground.

Deaths.			Victoria Nursing Home.		Laundry.		Situation.	
Foreign Resident.	Native Non-Resident.	Native Resident.	Cases Admitted		No. 19	Kashing	239	Harbin Road
Small-pox	0	3	18	Discharged	No. 20	"	237-8	do.
Cholera	0	0	0	Died	No. 21	"	236-7	do.
Typhoid Fever	1	1	—	Remaining last day of month	No. 22	"	234-5	do.
Diphtheria	0	0	10	Nursed outside the Home	No. 23	"	233	do.
Scarlet Fever	0	0	2	Daily visits	No. 24	"	231-2	do.
Tuberculosis	2	0	85	Nursing pre-engagements	No. 25	"	229-30	do.
From all causes	13	9	676	Municipal Hospitals for Infectious Disease	No. 26	"	227-8	do.
Infectious Disease Notified Among Foreign Resident Population.			Foreign. Native.		No. 27	"	225-6	do.
Small-pox	1	0	3	Cases Admitted—Small-pox	No. 28	"	223-4	do.
Cholera	0	0	0	Cholera	No. 29	"	221-2	do.
Typhoid Fever	3	3	3	Typhoid Fever	No. 30	"	219-20	do.
Diphtheria	1	1	1	Diphtheria	No. 31	"	217-8	do.
Scarlet Fever	2	2	2	Scarlet Fever	No. 32	"	216	do.
Tuberculosis	0	0	0	Other Diseases	No. 33	"	212-4	do.
Municipal Laboratory.			Discharged	11	No. 34	"	210-11	do.
Small-pox Vaccine issued	4,500 tubes.		Died	2	No. 35	"	179	do.
Vaccinations	1891		Remaining last day of month	3	No. 36	"	180	do.
Diphtheria Antitoxin issued	40,000 units		Sanitary Work.		No. 37	"	181	do.
Cases undergoing anti-rabic treatment	3		Complaints of insanitary conditions received from the public	22	No. 38	"	182	do.
Bacteriological examinations	45		Insanitary conditions reported by Health Office	51	No. 39	"	215	do.
Analysis	29		Written intimations issued for sanitary amendment	16	NORTHERN DISTRICT.			
Slaughter-House Returns.			Second written intimations issued for sanitary amendment	4	Yok Sing	846	Woosung Road.	
Slaughtered.	Rejected at Slaughter-house.	Passed for Slaughter from Cattle-sheds.	Notices of intention to proceed served.	1	Miller	308	Miller Road.	
Passed for Export from Cattle-sheds.	Rejected at Cattle-sheds.		Samples taken for analysis	22	Chin Kee	1113	Woosung Road	
Oxen	1325	1	Pounds of unsound food destroyed	322	2 International Laundry	512	Range Road.	
Sheep	2633	0	Food prosecutions	85		513	do.	
Calves	366	1	House refuse prosecutions	49		514	do.	
Pigs	223	2	Laundry and other prosecutions	9	Wong Ah San	1381	Haining Road	
Municipal Laboratory.			Enquiries after notification of foreign cases of infectious disease	6	Chapoo No. 1	402A	Chapoo Road.	
Report on Analysis of Water.			Enquiries after notification of Chinese cases of and deaths from infectious disease	149	Chapoo No. 2	402B	Chapoo Road.	
Sample received April 30, 1908.			Rooms disinfected after infectious disease	148	N. Y. K.	N. Szechuen Rd. Ex.		
Report sent out May 5, 1908.			Articles of clothing, bedding, etc., disinfected by steam	1557	WESTERN DISTRICT.			
Sample of Shanghai Waterworks Co.'s Water.			Rooms whitewashed	693	Yung Shing Washing Co.	314	Chungking Road	
Physical Characters. — Yellowish green colour with considerable opacity. Slightly alkaline reaction to litmus.			Ventilation and lighting amended	1	"	316	"	
Solid Matter in Solution	12.6		Defective drainage amended	38	"	318	"	
a.—Volatile	6.7		Insanitary latrines and urinals rendered healthy	17	"	301	"	
b.—Fixed	5.9		Insanitary ditches, ponds and creeks rendered healthy	13	"	311	"	
Appearance on Ignition... Slight Charring	9.0		Night-soil pits and kongs abolished	8	"	309	"	
Total Hardness	5.0		Exposed coffined corpses removed and buried	22	Woo Kee Washing Co.	259	Taku Road.	
a.—Temporary	4.0		Smoke nuisances suppressed	0	Doo Foo Washing Co.	55	Yates Road.	
b.—Permanent	2.1		Offensive trade processes amended	4	Ziang Shing	24	Weihow Rd.	
Chlorine	0.1019		Insanitary wells abolished	0	Shanghai Steam Laundry	451	"	
Nitrogen as Nitrates	0.0025		Tons of ordure removed	6390	Shz Sing Washing Co.	105	"	
Saline Ammonia	0.0148		Tons of house refuse removed	10235	"	104	"	
Albuminoid Ammonia	Nil		Other unhealthy conditions amended	9	Yung Sing Washing Co.	210	"	
Poisonous Metals	Nil		Beggar boats removed	14	"	210	"	
Nitrites	Nil		Licensed Laundries.		"	210	"	
Phosphates	Traces.		Laundry.		"	210	"	
Sulphates	Traces.		Situation.		"	210	"	
Bacteriological Examination. — Gelatine plates at 23°c. showed an average of 45 micro-organisms in a cubic centimetre of Water.			EASTERN DISTRICT.		Licensed Dairies.			
Bacteria of the coli type were not found in quantities below 0.35 c.c.			Ah Chow	465-6	Dent Road	Dairy.		
Report on Analysis—A sample of water of good degree of chemical and bacterial purity.			Ah Kung	467	do.	Situation.		
Vaccinations.			Old Ah Foo	469-71	do.	EASTERN DISTRICT.		
March and April, 1908.			Jackson	472-3	do.	Riverside Farm	76	Yangtsepoo Road
Station.			Big Sam	66-8	Dent Lane.	Shanghai Dairy		"
Eastern District.			Jim	1858	Seward Road	Inshalla Dairy Farm	71	Ward Road.
1456 E. Kashing Road	288		Wo Yue	1859	do.	Sung Shing Dairy		Thorburn Road.
1081 E. Hanbury Road	149		Yu Shing	1860	do.	Yangtsepoo Dairy		"
543 Yuenfong Road	128		Ching Kee	1861	do.	Farfield Dairy	19	Kwenming Road
1416 E. Seward Road	81		Mew Shing	1862	do.	NORTHERN DISTRICT.		
810 Yangtsepoo Road	30		Ah Ling	1863	do.	Home Farm		N. Szechuen Road
688	30		Big Sam	1192	Yuhang Road	Paoshan Dairy		N. Szechuen Road
2668 L.			Ah Kee	222	Tongshan Rd.	Hongkew Dairy		N. Szechuen Road
Northern District.			Yung Woo	222A	do.	Kong Zung		"
Hongkew market	309		Japanese	270	Wuchow Road.	Yong Shu Fong		N. Honan Road.
3108 Haining Road	241		No. 1 Kashing	262-3	Harbin Road	Mo Hung Sing		N. Szechuen Road
Elgiu market			No. 2	260-1	do.	Ching Kee		N. Honan Road
Central District.			No. 3	258-9	do.	Hong Kee		N. Szechuen Road
Red temple, Nanking Road	907		No. 4	256	do.	Pau Chee		N. Honan Road
Health Office	445		No. 5	255	do.	Shing Chee		"
Western District.			No. 6	254	do.	Private Dairy		Range Road
Sinza Refuge	105		No. 7	253	do.	WESTERN DISTRICT.		
Markham Road temple	49		No. 8	251-2	do.	The Farm		Siccawei Road.
S. Elizabeth's Hospital	39		No. 9	249	do.	Crawford's Dairy		"
Akew's Rew office	33		No. 10	248	do.	St. George's Farm		Bubbling Well Road
412 Bubbling Well Road	154		No. 11	247	do.	Swiss Farm		"
			No. 12	245-6	do.	Culty's Farm		Route d'Oumer
			No. 13	243-4	do.	Tai Woo		French Creek
			No. 14	242	do.	Lemke's (Private)		"
			No. 15	241	do.	Hung Fei's Dairy		Bubbling Well Road
			No. 16	240	do.	Yuen Sung		"
			No. 17			Zee Butler		"
			No. 18			Gordon Rd. Dairy Co.		"
						Yui Chong		"
						Fok Kyi		"
						Hop Shing		"
						Nee Shing		"
						Yok Kyi		"

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SATURDAY, MAY 16, 1908.

THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, April 29, 1908, at 4.30 p.m., there are present :

Messrs. D. Landale (*Chairman*)
A. W. Burkill
W. D. Little
A. D. Lowe
J. H. McMichael
W. A. C. Platt
O. Meuser
J. Prentice
The Secretary and
Assistant Secretary.

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Volunteers.

Headquarters.—In execution of the project indicated on page 152 of the Annual Report, a scheme is submitted for the conversion of the premises on Cadastral lot 168 vacated by Messrs. Markt & Co. by special arrangement.

Ground Floor.—The shed on the south will become a gun shed approached from the Central Offices compound. The east godown adjoined by a workshop, will be occupied by the Maxim guns, and the main building by the Commandant's office, general offices, and clothing store.

Upper Floor.—Quarters will be provided for the Sergeant-Major and two other non-commissioned officers, and connexion will be made by two small covered bridges with extra accommodation provided over the gun-shed. The armoury will be provided over the Maxim gun-shed also connected with the main building by a bridge for emergency use.

An inclusive estimate of the cost of this work is Tls. 2,500 disposed as follows :

Carpentry and joinery in various repairs, altering staircases, three bridges connecting upper floor, mantelpieces, partitions, and the fitting of saddlery racks, etc.Tls. 1,600

Cement work, bath trays, etc., water connexions, Electric light „ 500
Drainage, etc. Repairs to paving, distempering and cleaning „ 400

Tls. 2,500

The work will be performed by the Public Works Department, and, in the absence of special appropriation therefor in the Budget, it is decided to apportion the cost under the heading of "Upkeep and General Repairs to Buildings."

Arms.—A report by the Commandant is read with reference to information conveyed by the London Agents that the 250 rifles for which provision is made in the Budget, may be obtained either at 105/- or 81/- each, and bayonets at 15/- or 11/9 each. At his recommendation it is decided to purchase the more expensive to the number of 170 only, with a view to preventing excess over the estimate.

Police.

Foreign Branch.—Resultant upon the examination held on April 27 promotion of the following to the rank of Probationary Sergeant is authorized with effect from May 1 :—

A. Murphy
J. R. Murray
T. H. Steele
T. Aiers
E. W. Everson
M. O'Regan
A. F. Grimble
W. F. Rankin
P. Lavelle
John Mackenzie
P. J. Dunne
T. Foley
S. G. Reading

Nine months' leave of absence is granted to Sergeant Shaw from August 11.

Pawnbrokers.—A letter from the Mixed Court Magistrate states that the pawnbrokers have presented a protest on the subject of the notification appearing in the Municipal Gazette of February 6 as to the enforcement of Clause

7 of their licenses, and requests that four articles proposed by them relating to Police procedure in the matter be placed on record. His statement that he has communicated with the Senior Consul to this effect is noted. In order to correct the mistaken impression that a petition by the pawnbrokers addressed to the Council has received no attention, a reply is directed referring to the decision published in the Municipal Gazette of March 26, in conformity with which the object of the notification has already been explained to the pawnbrokers by letter.

Chinese Proclamations.

The following is the text of the Proclamation issued at the instance of the Hot Water Dealers, now provided with the necessary seals for posting by the Police in accordance with the usual procedure :—

Translation of a proclamation issued by the Mixed Court Magistrate, dated April 16, 1908.

This proclamation is hereby issued for the information of the public. A petition has been received from the notables with official rank named Chu Chin-sheng, Sun Tien-yi, Chou Yung-chuan, Hsu Chien-an, Chang Yung-mao, Chen Kuo-ching and others, to the effect that for many years they have been the proprietors of hot-water shops in the Settlement, and consider that although this trade is of a petty character, its importance in the matter of good order and sanitation is very considerable.

"Formerly, in the neighbourhood of Burkill Road, a Guild was founded which was dissolved owing to the fact that its management was bad. Abuses beyond description will result if this guild is not re-established with a change for the better of the standing rules, and if it is not thoroughly organized. In the City there was originally a guild of this character wherein, through lapse of years, abuses arose and constant dispute resulted, whereafter in the 24th year of Kuang Hsü, a petition for its re-establishment was approved and is upon record. Thus also the original heads of the trade in the Settlement

likewise addressed a petition requesting re-establishment, and received a rescript from the then authorities directing amalgamation of management with the guild in the City. It would seem that the City and the Settlement have always been divided by defined boundaries, so that when each party founds a guild, amalgamation presents apparent difficulties. At the present time the original headmen in the Settlement are, for the most part, dead, and among our co-traders there is none to take the place of leader, with the result, at times, of dispute. Drinking, gambling and the harbouring of indecent and disorderly persons are also matters of frequent occurrence.

"We have therefore assembled those who are of one mind with us, having collected a capital of \$1,000, and our proposal is to found in the Settlement the 'North Shanghai Hot Water Guild.' The rules have again been organized, and it is our intention energetically to remove the abuses which have accumulated; also to inaugurate various beneficial projects in the trade, the funds for which are contributed by us without sending persons to collect. We have also to propose Regulations to the number of ten, and ask that a proclamation be issued and that the matter be placed on record."

Upon receipt of this petition I find that the collection of funds for the establishment of a Hot Water Guild was formerly the subject of frequent petitions by Liu Mien-yung and others, and Hu Pao-ching, to which objections were raised both by Weng and Chang, former Magistrates, and by myself. Upon perusal, however, of the petition of the notables now concerned, it appears that although there is difficulty in assenting to the above requests, yet approval may be accorded, since they state that they will obtain spontaneous subscriptions for establishment of the guild, and will not collect moneys or send out persons to levy contributions. While, therefore, writing a rescript accordingly, and amending the proposed Rules, I find that there is no obstacle to the five which thus remain, and therefore set them forth with the proclamation, and look to the members of the guild to observe them.

1.—A capital of \$1,000 has been set aside for the establishment of the guild and for use in various charitable projects without sending persons to collect.

2.—Since the trade is of a petty character, those connected with it are

unable to insure their property and in the event of destruction thereof by fire, aid shall be forthcoming from the guild in order to enable them to carry on business.

3.—The object of this Guild is to lay stress upon sanitation and members of the Guild as a whole shall generally observe all customs and rules.

4.—The attendants and servants employed in hot-water shops are far from their native places and have no near relatives here. They have thus unfortunately none to attend them and provide medical aid and medicine in the event of illness, or coffins for the deceased. These matters shall be arranged by the guild.

5.—The members of the guild are divided into twelve sets, and each set will elect one of their number who shall be known as the headman of the set. The Guild will fix and issue a salary for headmen, and they will assist in all matters as occasion may arise.

Public Band.

The minutes of the meeting of the Band Committee of April 25 are read and confirmed. There were present:—

Messrs. C. Fink (*Chairman*)

E. T. J. Blount

N. G. Maitland

The Conductor and
Assistant Secretary.

Public Performances.—With reference to the performances at the Public Gardens during the Summer months, it is decided to commence them as usual on the first Monday after the Races, while Sunday afternoon concerts cease after Sunday, April 26. In view, however, of the necessity for keeping the Band in practice for orchestral music, it is decided to continue weekly concerts in the Town Hall, and as a tentative arrangement Sunday evening at 9 p.m. appears to be a suitable time. Under these circumstances it is considered that one of the daily performances in the Public Gardens might with advantage be omitted, and the members fix upon Tuesday as a suitable day. The usual performances will take place at the Public Recreation Ground on Saturdays at 4 p.m. as during last year.

Reference is made to the desirability of performing once a week in the Hongkew Recreation Ground and Thursday is regarded as a suitable day, provided necessary arrangements for the accommodation of the Band during performances can be made.

Tenders

The following are authorised for acceptance for the year ending March 31, 1909:—

Levelling new roads, Chang Soy, Tls. 0.25 per fong.

Raising new roads with mnd. Zung Tsung Kee:—

Central District Tls. 1.18 per fong

Western " " 1.18 " "

Northern " " 1.245 " "

Eastern " " 1.245 " "

Metalling new roads, Z. D. Liu, Tls. 7.80 per fong.

Supply of road materials, Z. D. Liu, as follows—

Broken bricks, Tls. 0.82 per ton.

Ningpo Sand " 0.82 " "

Soochow Sand " 1.00 " "

Large chips " 1.05 " "

Medium chips " 1.10 " "

Fine chips " 1.20 " "

Maintenance of Gordon, Ichang, Ferry, Brenan, Edinburgh, Robison, Connaught, Siccawei, Great Western, Kiaochow, Rubicon and Hungjao Roads, Chang Soy, \$191 per month.

Painting bridges, jetties, bundings, markets, etc., Joe Ming Kee, Tls. 3973.

Excavating tidal ditches in new roads, Zung Tsung Kee, Tls. 0.64 per chang.

Deepening creeks, Wong Nee Kee, Tls. 0.18 per ton.

Wheeling road materials, Z. D. Liu, broken bricks Tls. 0.36; chips and sand Tls. 0.30 per ton per mile.

Barging away road detritus, Zee Shun Kee, \$320 per month.

Supply of cast iron manhole and gully covers, Soy Chong, Tls. 2.95 per 100 lbs.

Supply of bricks and lime, Say Woo Sung Kee; bricks \$35 and \$94 per 10,000 according to size; and lime \$1.40 per picul.

Supply of Timber, Dong Kee, at prices in accordance with the schedule, which may be inspected at the Public Works Office.

Acceptance of the following is also authorised:—

Raising the Extension at the Victoria Nursing Home, Yao Sun Ching, 308.75 fong Tls. 1.24 per fong.

Raising section D of the Hongkew Recreation Ground, (see plan published in the Municipal Gazette of May 7), Wong Zee Kee, 3763 fong, Tls. 1.15 per fong.

The meeting adjourns at 6.15 p.m.

The following documents are ordered for publication with the foregoing minutes :—

Health Department.

Notification of Infectious Disease.

The following have been reported during the week ending Sunday, May 10, 1908.	Deaths among Chinese population of 530,000	Cases notified among Non-Chinese population of 14,500.
Small-pox.	0	1
Cholera.	0	0
Typhoid Fever.	—	1
Diphtheria.	3	0
Scarlet Fever.	1	0
Tuberculosis.	24	0
Total Deaths from all Causes	170	2

ARTHUR STANLEY,
Health Officer.

Report of the Captain-Superintendent of Police

For April, 1908.

Strength of the Force on April 30, 1908.

Officers	8
Foreigners	188
Indians	428
Chinese	744
Total	1,368

Re Opium Suppression.—On Saturday, April 18, effect was given to the decision of the Ratepayers of Shanghai in the matter of the suppression of Opium Houses within the limits of the Settlement. A public drawing of lots by numbers representing the houses to be suppressed was held in the Maloo Market by representatives of the Tax Office, Police, and the Chinese Community. It is to be observed that if the efforts of the Imperial Government of China to abolish this evil are equal to its protestations, no difficulty ought to be experienced, for it can hardly be

gainsaid that the respectable classes in China are ready to strengthen the hands of the Imperial Government by every means in their power.

Tramways.—Now that more sections of the Tramway have been opened for public traffic, it is possible to review the process of operating this undertaking from the point of view of public convenience. While the public both European and Chinese appear to be fully alive to the value of regular and rapid transit between various parts of this overcrowded Settlement, judging from complaints received they are not prepared to put up with the many inconveniences to ordinary traffic which the presence of the Tramways brings, at least, not without preponderating advantages to themselves. In order that the public may know how to protect themselves from the ignorance or incapacity of the drivers of the tramcars the following procedure is quoted :—

In the event of an accident in which any tramcar is concerned, the individual whether a foreigner or Chinese who considers himself aggrieved can take action for damages against the Tramway Company before the proper judicial authority. The Police cannot take up any case unless it is a contravention of the traffic regulations. In the case of any such contravention of traffic regulations the car driver may be arrested upon a summons and the charge will be heard subsequent to the other charge, which latter decides the responsibility of the Tramway Company or the individual for causing the accident. It is notified for general information that tramcars in the Settlement are not allowed right of road over all other vehicles. Those in charge of other vehicles shall as far as possible give way in order to allow the cars to pass. On the other hand drivers of cars shall do all in their power to avoid interruption to the ordinary traffic and accidents, which in the narrow streets of Shanghai only great care can avoid.

Gaol.—By an order of the Council the management of the Gaol has again reverted to the Captain-Superintendent of Police. It may not be a matter of common knowledge that the variety of work done in the Gaol by prisoners has been considerably extended. It is now possible to fulfil orders with regard to :—

Coir matting work,
Tailoring,
Shoemaking,
Carpentering,
Iron and forge work,
Tientsin carpet making.

If public support be accorded to work done at the Municipal Gaol the cost of the latter will be materially reduced, the saving being entirely for the pockets of Ratepayers. All communications with regard to orders for Gaol work should be addressed to the 2nd-Assistant Superintendent at the Municipal Gaol where they will receive prompt attention.

Chinese Branch.—Now that the Assistant Superintendent for the Chinese Branch of the Shanghai Municipal Police has taken up his post, a thorough and drastic reorganization of that branch has been commenced. The leading ideas which guide the attempt at reorganization are :—

(a) That too little individual attention has in the past been given to the choice and selection of recruits.

(b) That the men have not had any officer in immediate charge to whom they could or would go for advice or complaint.

(c) That punishments, promotion and dismissal have not been carried out in a manner sufficiently clear to be understood by those most concerned. The Western Training Depôt was to have been opened for work at the end of April but owing to slight delays in the supply of certain stores the opening had to be postponed for a few days.

Warning to Householders.—Now that the season has arrived when doors and windows are usually left open day and night a warning is offered to householders as to the danger of trusting too implicitly to the honesty of natives who may be in their employ. It is necessary to point out that there is now in Shanghai a class of servant who has not the goodwill of his employer at heart as was, and in many cases still is the case with the older class of servants: nor has he the sterling honesty of the old servant class. When premises are left entirely open and practically unguarded throughout the twenty-four hours the work of the Police is made very much more exacting.

Here follow tables of persons coming under the notice of Police for criminal and other purposes, punishments inflicted, prisoners in custody, vehicle licenses suspended and confiscated, dogs captured, etc., value of property stolen and recovered, and warrants and summonses.

C. D. BRUCE,

Captain-Superintendent of Police.

Return of Persons coming under Notice of Police for Criminal and other Offences

Offences.	Foreigners	Natives	Total
(a) OFFENCES AGAINST THE PERSON :—			
Manslaughter	1	4	5
Attempted suicide		5	5
Cutting and wounding		8	8
Assault	4	70	74
Kidnapping		37	37
Cruelty to Children		2	2
Bringing false charges		5	5
(b) OFFENCES AGAINST RIGHTS OF PROPERTY :—			
Robbery		10	10
Embezzlement	4	2	6
Extortion		24	24
Burglary		36	36
Housebreaking		8	8
Obtaining goods by false pretences		9	9
Fraud		4	4
Receiving stolen property		17	17
Unlawful possession		38	38
Uttering counterfeit coins		2	2
Arson		3	3
Malicious Injury		4	4
Larceny		359	359
Civil Offences :—Debt		36	36
Breach of Contract		18	18
(c) ACTS INJURIOUS TO THE PUBLIC :—			
Common nuisances		1536	1536
Vagrancy		88	88
Returning after expulsion		13	13
Disorderly conduct	6	134	140
Soliciting prostitution	2	30	32
Depositing garbage		32	32
Traffic :—			
Furious driving	1	11	12
Obstruction		2559	2559
Public gambling		28	28
Breach of license conditions :—Teashop		3	3
Liquor	1	7	8
Dog	16	4	20
Dairy		3	3
Lodging House		2	2
Opium Shop		4	4
Building		1	1
Market		13	13
Entertainment	1		1
Restaurant	3		3
Miscellaneous		29	29
(d) NOT CHARGED :—			
Beggars, Hawkers, Ragpickers		2963	2963
Others	27	339	366
Total ...	67	8499	8566

Return of Sentences.

Sentence	Foreigners	Natives	Total
Imprisonment	2	450	452
Cangue		8	8
Expulsion		15	15
Fined	29	340	369
Imprisonment and cangue		12	12
„ „ expulsion		104	104
„ „ cangue and expulsion		3	3
Cangue and expulsion		2	2
Acquitted	1		1
Bail forfeited		3963	3963
Remanded	1	7	8
Cautioned		19	19
Dismissed	6	48	54
Released on Security		77	77
Left to Court		62	62
Handed to parents or guardians		10	10
Sent to Reformatory		3	3
„ Slave Girls' Refuge		3	3
„ Sinza Refuge		23	23
„ Door of Hope		5	5
„ the Native Authorities		30	30
Handed to French Police		7	7
Property, etc., confiscated		3	3
To return stolen property		1	1
Premises sealed up		2	2
Restaurant closed	1		1
Total	40	5197	5237

Prisoners in Custody

on April 30, 1908.

Central Station	68
Louza Station	97
Hongkew Station	158
West Hongkew Station	48
Harbin Road Sub-Station	7
Wayside Station	27
Gaol	751
Yangtzepoo Station	9
Sinza Station	52
Bubbling Well Station	22
Total	1239

Vehicle Licenses.

	Suspended	Confiscated
Ricsha	937	2627
Wheelbarrow	64	21
Handcart	5	2
Total	1006	2650

Value of Property Stolen

between

From April 3 to May 1, 1908.

	Dollars
Stolen	31,805.00
Recovered	19,822.15

Warrants and Summonses.

Warrants executed	26
Summonses served	109

Dogs.

At Kennels	210
Captured	199
Returned	30
Killed	170
Remaining at Kennels	10

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SATURDAY, MAY 23, 1908.

THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, May 13, 1908, at 4.30 p.m., there are present :

Messrs. D. Landale (*Chairman*)
A. W. Burkill
W. D. Little
R. S. F. McBain
J. H. McMichael
O. Meuser
W. A. C. Platt
The Secretary and
Assistant Secretary.

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Volunteers.

"A" Company.—The resignation of 2nd Lieutenant C. H. Rutherford is received and recorded.

Upon the recommendation of the Commandant, a commission as 2nd Lieutenant is authorized for issue to Colour-Sergeant W. Brand.

New Headquarters.—Expenditure amounting to Tls. 350 is authorized for the provision of additional furniture at the new premises in the Hankow Road.

Police.

Foreign Branch.—Nine months' leave is granted to Inspector Kinipple from August 8.

The promotion of P.C. Ganley, absent at the recent examination, through sickness, is authorized, to be Probationary Sergeant as from May 8.

Chinese Study.—In respect to the system of passing candidates for bonus, it is decided that in future the marks lists will be presented for the Watch Committee's scrutiny, who will thereupon decide as to the percentage of necessary marks, or other system of passing or rejecting, in the members' discretion upon each occasion.

Native Clubs.—A Police report is submitted, referring to the advisability of licensing native clubs, in accordance with the terms of Bye-law XXXIV, and it is decided to inaugurate a system of license forthwith without fee since no payment can be imposed until next year when the Budget for 1909 is passed.

Gaol Buildings.—Reports and plan are submitted, providing for increased office space together with access from the existing buildings to the new site. The cost is estimated as follows :

Raising Guard-room to provide office, with bridge connecting it with existing offices and alterations involved thereby	Tls. 3,500
Taking down and rebuilding section of existing wall...	Tls. 1,200
	Tls. 4,700

These proposals are authorized, and after reference to the Convict Labour Report for April, it is directed that the work be carried out so far as is possible by the convicts themselves.

The following Captain Superintendent's report upon the subject is as follows:—

In view of the extension contemplated, additional office accommodation is required at the Gaol, and it is recommended that this be obtained by building further stories on to the Guard-room, direct connexion with the present offices being provided by a wooden bridge between the first floors.

When, three years ago, the question of quarters for the European warders arose, full working plans for such additions to the guard-room were drawn up and approved, but were afterwards put aside. These plans provide for two additional stories, and, although one storey would be sufficient for present requirements, I consider that in view of expansion later it would be best to carry them out in their entirety.

The construction of the new wall is making good progress; and the provision of a suitable approach to the extension is now necessary.

A new gate from the compound on to the road appears inadvisable from the point of view of safety, as well as on account of the extra expense of a second guard-room and staff. I also advocate the retention of the existing boundary wall, for it will facilitate the segregation of the long and short sentence prisoners.

It is proposed, therefore, to bring forward the present middle gate together with that portion of the wall in line with it running west, a distance of twelve feet, thus providing between the guard-room and magazine sufficient space for a cart-way, and at the end of this way to build a second inner gate and wicket into the west wall of the present compound.

C. D. BRUCE,
Captain Superintendent.

Sanitation beyond Limits.

The reply of the Taotai, forwarded through the Consular Body, to the Council's complaints as to the dumping of coffins is submitted:—

Shanghai, April 28, 1908.

SIR,—In reply to the first part of your letter of the 3rd instant, having reference to the presence of a number of corpses and coffins immediately beyond the limits of the Settlement in the rear of certain licensed laundries near the Harbin Road Police Sub-Station, I have the honour to forward herewith copy and translation of a letter received on the 13th instant from the Taotai, from which the Council will see that in compliance with our request the said official has already given the necessary orders to have the nuisance in question removed.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your obedient servant,
D. SIFFERT,
*Consul-General for Belgium,
and Senior Consul.*

D. LANDALE, Esq.,
Chairman, Municipal Council.

Translation of letter from the Taotai to the Senior Consul, dated April 13, 1908.

The Taotai is in receipt of the Senior Consul's letter of April 8 to the effect that a petition from the Municipal Police states that on the Settlement boundary behind certain laundries in the neighbourhood of the Harbin Road Police Station, fifty-four coffins have been deposited, and that there are also several corpses without coffins and wrapped in mats only, in the same place. This state of affairs is considered to be insanitary, and since the place in question is within the control of the native officials, it is requested that directions be given for removal in order to avoid harmful effects.

The Taotai has therefore taken note, and directed the City Magistrate to discover where the neighbourhood of Harbin Road Police Station may really be situated; by whom the coffins were deposited; how it happens that there are also corpses without coffins wrapped in mats; and whether there is any responsible person connected therewith. The City Magistrate has also been directed to take steps for their prompt removal, and to communicate with the Head Police Bureau asking that instructions be given in the same sense.

The Taotai has thus to reply to the Senior Consul's letter, and trusts that he will be good enough to observe this information, and give directions that note be taken accordingly.

Tramways and General Traffic.

A letter from the Company is read expressing regret at the obstruction caused at the corner of the Avenue and Carter

Roads, and elsewhere, and indicating an intention to prevent such incidents in the future. Allusion is made to a further case on May 8, when fifteen cars were standing on the Bund between the Foochow Road and Yangkingpang to the obstruction of general traffic. Contained in the Daily Police Reports are countless notes as to accidents, due in some cases to the car-drivers and in others to the notorious inattention of native pedestrians.

In the assurance that the representatives of the Company are doing what is possible to remedy this state of affairs, and in the hope that the running of the cars will be made more regular and more careful at an early date, the Council decides to take no proceedings against the Company at present.

"Alhambra."

A Police report on the proceedings and preparations at this institution, and at the "Alcazar" adjoining, is submitted, from which it appears that arrangements are in train for re-opening at an early date. It is decided to communicate the contents to the Consular Body in the form of a memorandum, and, while suggesting that such institutions be made liable to license upon the lines in force in the Settlement, to repeat the Council's assurance of co-operation in any repressive measures which may be considered suitable.

Mixed Court.

Corporal Punishment.—The following letter is read and ordered for publication. The Council's letters on the subject are contained in the Gazette for February 6, 1908 :—

Shanghai, April 28, 1908.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of January 10, and, in reply, beg to inform you that the Consular Body cannot come to an unanimous approval of the proposition that negotiations should be carried on to have the use of the bamboo reintroduced at the Mixed Court.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

D. SIFFERT,

Consul-General for Belgium,
and Senior Consul.

D. LANDALE, Esq.,
Chairman, Municipal Council.

Public Band.

The minutes of the meeting of the Band Committee of May 8, are read and confirmed. There were present:—

Messrs. C. Fink (*Chairman*)
E. T. J. Blount
N. G. Maitland
The Conductor and
Assistant Secretary

Private Services.—The lack of suitable provision for solo-playing in the Tariff, is the subject of discussion. An instance is cited in which one musician was rendered temporarily unfit for ordinary duty through the number of

rehearsals occasioned by work of this kind. This state of affairs is considered to be prejudicial to the work of the Band as a whole, and it is therefore decided to fix a fee of Tls. 25 for every solo performance, inclusive of rehearsals, to accrue to the soloist, payable in addition to the ordinary tariff rates. This charge will not come into force until the beginning of the next winter season.

The Committee is also of opinion that it is necessary to prevent solo playing where, in the Conductor's opinion, it affects the efficiency of the public service, and it is therefore decided that every application for such service be referred to him for sanction in the first place.

Complaints.—Discussion follows as to criticisms which have recently appeared in the public press. With reference to the retirement of the Band during the Fire Brigade Inspection it is observed that this was necessary to prevent injury to the music by rain. In certain other respects these criticisms appear to be without ground.

A letter from the Masonic Ball Committee is read to the effect that on March 10, the European members of the Band neglected to participate in the playing of the national anthem when requested to do so. From a report by the Conductor submitted, it is noted that the order to play the anthem was given after the close of the Ball had been notified, when certain of the instruments had been put away.

The Committee observes the importance of taking special measures to avoid complaints whether justified or not, and is of opinion that many of these are the result of lack of organization on the part of the Committees engaging the Band, and of their receiving insufficient assistance in formulating their requirements. A remedy suggested is that, with the formal letter accepting the engagement a further printed form shall be sent signed by the Conductor, submitting certain enquiries as to the wishes of the applicant and the arrangements generally. It is thought that by this means and by the exercise of care in co-operating with the managing committees, much can be done to prevent the recurrence of these difficulties.

The meeting adjourns at 5.55 p.m.

Letter from Mr. Blount is read, containing the resignation of his seat on the Committee as a result of his approaching departure from Shanghai. Mr. Blount's resignation is accepted with regret.

Road Extensions and Widenings.

Peking Road.—The surrender of the strip of Cadastral lot 193 required for this road, measuring Mow 0.108, has been arranged for the sum of Tls. 1584. Registered owners Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co., Ltd.

The compensation is calculated at the assessed value, Tls. 18,000 per mow, with 10 per cent added, and less one-third for betterment in respect to Mow 0.084, being the area needed for a road-width of 30 feet. The scheduled width of the Peking Road, a purely native thoroughfare in this section, is 40 feet, and betterment is not considered applicable in respect to the additional 10 feet.

North Szechuen Road.—A letter from the Presbyterian Mission Press and others contains an offer to contribute Tls. 500 towards construction of a 12 inch sewer from the Yukungpoo 800 feet northwards. This work will result in the filling in of a side ditch whereby 6 feet will be added to the serviceable width of the road. The total cost is estimated at Tls. 1,408, and since the difference between the offer and the contribution usual in such cases is small, the execution of the work on this basis is authorised.

Public Lighting.

Chekiang Road Bridge.—The scheme of electric lighting for the bridge is approved, at an annual cost as follows:—
2 arc lamps at Tls. 175 Tls. 350

The lighting of the southern approach will be improved by the substitution of 2 arc lamps for the existing gas lamps, in accordance with the approved Central District lighting scheme.

Secretariat.

Six months leave is granted to Mr. Lanning from May 19.

The meeting adjourns at 6.15 p.m.

The following documents are ordered for publication with the foregoing minutes :—

Health Department.

Notification of Infectious Disease.

The following have been reported during the week ending Sunday, May 17, 1908.	Deaths among Chinese population of 530,000	Cases notified among Non-Chinese population of 14,500.
Small-pox.	1	0
Cholera.	0	0
Typhoid Fever.	—	0
Diphtheria.	0	0
Scarlet Fever.	1	0
Tuberculosis.	12	0
Total Deaths from all Causes.	191	1

ARTHUR STANLEY,
Health Officer

Departmental Report of the Superintendent of Parks and Open Spaces to the Municipal Engineer for April.

Public Garden.—The dominant feature of the floral display herein was that produced by the spring flowering bulbs, especially the tulips. It may be noted that by far the most satisfactory flowers were produced by bulbs which have been grown here for two and three years, the only failures being amongst the freshly imported ones. There is every indication that tulips and narcissus can be grown here equally as good as in Europe. The only difficulty is in their storage during the months of July and August, when frequently many decay owing to the damp atmosphere. The bank of azaleas planted to replace a privet hedge last spring has proved satisfactory and been extended. Six plants of hybrid rhododendrons have flowered also, and if they continue to give satisfaction will form a pleasing variety and useful addition to our flowering shrubs.

Repairs to turf completed. Repaired arbours, erected an arch for wistaria and painted the Bandstand.

The plants in the hothouse continue to give a good display of flowers, gloxinias being the most noticeable occupants.

Nurseries.—The transplanting of seedling stock is completed. Seed of various kinds of trees and shrubs have been sown, also seeds of summer flowering bedding plants.

Public Recreation Ground.—The work herein has consisted entirely of maintenance, viz., rolling, mowing, etc.

Hongkew Recreation Ground.—The relaying out of this Ground which was commenced about the beginning of March (since when practically two-thirds of the Ground has been planted and turfed) is now almost completed. A commencement has been made with the raising of the north-west corner. Two wooden huts, one to serve as quarters for Indian Police and one as a temporary store for playing gear, have been placed in position, and the paths have been surfaced with ashes. An herbaceous border has been planted and a commencement made with the erection of a rockery.

Victoria Nursing Home.—A new section of approximately 285 fong has been raised 13-in. and is ready for turfing.

Laying of turf completed.—Bund foreshore, Chinese Public School, Harbin Road Police Station, Victoria Nursing Home and Council Compound.

Laying of turf in progress.—Hongkew Park, Cathedral Compound and Soochow Road Foreshore.

Brenan Piece.—The laying out, planting and turfing of this space is completed.

Trees and shrubs transplanted in nurseries—3,322.

Shrubs planted.

Soldiers' Cemetery	50
Pahsienjow Cemetery	18
Shantung Road Cemetery... ..	12
Poohing Cemetery	90
Public School for Chinese	95
Brenan Piece	584
Victoria Nursing Home	143
Isolation Hospital	20
Council Compound	4
Hongkew Recreation Ground... ..	1653
Sinza Police Station	124

Trees planted.

Szechuen Road	17
Brenan Road	110
Connaught Road	48
Range Road	4
Sinza Road	27
Macgregor Road	74
The Bund	34
Victoria Nursing Home	5
Hongkew Park... ..	5
Brenan Piece	10
	334

Trees fastened.

Connaught Road	53
Sinza Road	30
Szechuen Road... ..	60
Hannen Road	1
Range Road	4
Macgregor Road	76
Brenan Road	19
Jessfield Road	21
Hongkew Park... ..	5
Yuyuen Road	1
	270

Flowering plants planted.

Public Garden	176
Public School for Chinese	178
Sinza Police Station	150
Soldiers' Cemetery	350
	854

D. MACGREGOR,

Superintendent of Parks & Open Spaces.

Engineer's Report for April.

Works in Progress.—Boundary Walls at Gaol. New Cells, Sinza Police Station. Bubbling Well Cemetery Outbuildings. Offices, Quarters, Transformer Station and foundations for Boilers, Machinery, etc., at Electricity Works.

Garden Bridge and Chekiang Road Bridge Subsidiary Works. Reconstructing Hoopah Road Bridge over the Yangkingpang. Laying 3-ft. 0-in. diam. culvert along Sinza Road east of Gordon Road. Mud filling to Thorburn Road. Steam Roller Shed, North Honan Road.

Works finally completed.—Sikh Gurdwara. Swimming Bath alterations. Council Room alterations. New Jetty opposite the Shanghai Club. Laying 3-ft. 0-in. diam. culvert along Siccawei Road from Great Western Road to the Yungzeenpang. Concrete bunding Soochow Creek at Museum Road. Laying 3-ft. 0-in. diam. culvert at Seymour Road. Jarrah wood block paving at the Nanking Road and Chekiang Road junctions. Mud filling to Batavia Road. Bricking and metalling Chusan Road. Chip-paving Alabaster Road. Landing Jetties North Soochow Road east of North Thibet Road. South Approach to Chekiang Road Bridge.

Garden Bridge.—The driving of the cofferdam piles to below mud level on the east side of the centre pier has been completed and the work is well in hand with those on the west side. The concrete bunding at the south-east corner of the Bridge is nearly completed, and the finishing off of the stone slope is also well in hand. A flight of stone steps has been built in the face of the slope to give access from the Gardens to the creek. At the south-west corner of the Bridge the cofferdam has been completed and the ground excavated preparatory to putting in a concrete bunding. A small wing wall has also been built to act as a retaining wall to the filling near the south-west corner of the bridge. On the north-west side the concrete bunding is practically completed and the road is being made up. The boundary walls to the Public Garden on the South Approach are nearing completion.

Chekiang Road Bridge.—The concrete bundings on the north side are well in hand.

Special Surveys.—Work is proceeding on the extension of the Paoshan Survey eastward as far as the Kalgan Road Extension. A survey of about 600 mow has been completed between Jessfield and Ziccawei Roads and west of the Bubbling Well.

Cleansing.—Sixty cartloads of garbage, 2,917 cartloads of road detritus and 2,325 cartloads of gully deposit were collected during the month.

Quarry.—3,038 tons of road materials have been received during the month from the Council's Quarry, and 1,635 tons were dispatched from the Quarry for account of the French Municipal Council.

Concrete ware.—The following concrete ware has been made at the Council's Hongkew Depot during the month:—

Machine made ...	1,111 pieces.
Hand made ...	4,080 „
Total...	5,191 „

New Buildings.—Plans have been approved by the Council for the erection of 320 buildings made up as follows:—

Western District	90
Central „	34
Northern „	156
Eastern „	40
Total...	320

The following table shows lengths of drains of various sizes laid on private property by the Department during the month:—

Heading.	Unit.	Districts.				Total
		W.	C.	N.	E.	
12" Pipe Drain	ft. run	84	50	72	—	84
9" Pipe Drain	"	—	—	—	94	242
6" Pipe Drain	"	—	—	—	286	378
4" Pipe Drain	"	—	—	—	40	40
Yard Gullies	Nos.	—	—	—	8	8
Manholes	"	—	—	—	11	20
Main drain connexions ..	"	—	—	—	5	13

Plans Completed.—Additions to Wayside Police Station. Latrine in Hongkew Park. Latrine in Boundary Road. 3-ft. 0-in. by 2-ft. 0-in. sewer along North Honan Road. Plan of Boundary Road. Section of East Yalu Road.

Public Lighting.—Three arc lamps have been erected in Nanking Road between Honan Road and Lloyd Road. One incandescent gas lamp in Mandalay Road west of Mohawk Road, four along Taku Road between Mohawk Road and Cemetery Road, and three in Kiukiang Road between Szechuen Road and Hoopoh Road.

Survey Work.

Official measurements of new land lots attended during the month...82
 Cadastral certificates issued17
 Consular lots surveyed14
 Surveys made in connexion with Road Widenings and/or Extensions34
 Lots examined to ascertain whether they included roads or waterways which are or may in future be of use to the public.....87
 Consular lots examined as to condition of boundary stones26
 M.C.R. Stones have been erected as follows:

Western District 4 stones
 Central " " "
 Northern "27 "
 Eastern " 3 "
 Outside Limits10 "

Total 44 "

Miscellaneous.

The average number of labourers employed during the month exclusive of contract work has been 2,208 as against 2,875 during April, 1907.

Works Completed on Existing Roads.—The following is a tabulated statement of the different works completed during the month:—

Heading	Unit.	Districts				Total
		W.	C.	N.	E.	
<i>Drainage.</i>						
Tidal ditches cleaned	ft. run	28206				28206
Sewers cleaned	"	5766				5766
3'0" culverts laid	"	332				332
Street gullies laid	Nos.		10			10
Brick manholes constructed...	"	4				4
Retaining walls constructed	"	1				1
Wooden bunding erected ...	ft. run				51	51
<i>Roads.</i>						
Metalling	ft. sup.		94961	23150		118111
Channel laid	ft. run			41		41
Kerb and channel laid	"	12	556			568
Kerb and channel relaid ...	"		1105	16		1121
Chippaved margins laid ...	ft. sup.			2160		2160
Chippaved margins repaired	"	3540	8820	5223		17583
Chippaved carriageways reprd..	"			2190		2190
Rolling and sanding... ..	"	10400		58765	5700	74865
Macadam road repaired...	"	69522	900	43964	7506	121892
<i>Footpavement.</i>						
Concrete paving relaid	ft. sup.		8175		479	8654
Chippaved footways relaid...	"		700			700
<i>Miscellaneous.</i>						
M.C.R. Stones fixed	Nos.	14				14
Public gas lamps erected ...	"	5				5
Street nameplates fixed ...	"	4		6	4	14
Gas, water and other trenches opened	ft. run	750	646	2255	169	3820
Telephone poles erected ...	Nos.	21				21
Electric Light poles erected...	"	31				31

Works Completed on Road Widenings and Extensions.—Works have been completed on Seymour Road, Great Western Road, Taku Road, Weihaiwei Road, Jessfield Road, Chekiang Road, Kansuh Road, Tsepoo Road, Kalgan Road, Thorburn Road, Yangtsepoo Road, Chusan Road, as shown by the following table:—

Heading	Unit.	Districts				Total
		W.	C.	N.	E.	
<i>Drainage</i>						
3'0" culverts laid	ft. run	86				86
2'3" culverts laid	"				24	24
12" Sewers laid	"				20	20
6" Drains laid	"			36		36
Cement gutter	"			199		199
Street gullies renewed ...	Nos..		2	3		5
Brick manholes constructed...	"	2				2
Retaining walls constructed...	"	1				1
V Shaped walls	"	1				1
<i>Roads</i>						
Bricking	ft. sup.	11196		1129		12325
Metalling	"	11196			5217	16413
Kerb and channel laid	ft. run	714	200		335	1249
Chippaved margins laid ...	ft. sup.		1400	2200		3600
Macadam roads repaired ...	"	312				312
<i>Footpavements</i>						
Concrete paving laid	"	3247	1045		1951	6243
Chippaved footways laid ...	"			1211	108	1319
Macadam footways laid... ..	"	2226				2226
<i>Miscellaneous</i>						
Foochow pole railing erected...	"	27				27

CHARLES MAYNE,

Engineer & Surveyor.

The Municipal Gazette.

No. 21.

SATURDAY, MAY 30, 1908.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, May 20, 1908, at 4.30 p.m., there are present :

Messrs. D. Landale (*Chairman*)

A. W. Burkill

W. D. Little

R. S. F. McBain

J. H. McMichael

O. Meuser

W. A. C. Platt

The Secretary and
Assistant Secretary.

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Volunteers.

Light Horse.—The resignation of Captain Keylock, forwarded by the Commandant, is submitted, and, in accepting the same, it is decided to convey to this officer a cordial expression of appreciation of his work during the past seven years, to which the high state of efficiency of the unit may be considered due. At the recommendation of the Commandant it is also decided to grant to Captain Keylock on retirement the honorary rank of Major, with the right to wear the prescribed uniform.

The resignations of Lieutenant Mosberg and 2nd Lieutenant Lavers are received and accepted with regret. A note of their long service in the unit is recorded.

Staff.—At the suggestion of the Commandant it is decided to appoint Sergeant-Major Studd to the rank of warrant officer in the Corps.

Police.

Convict Labour.—A Police report is submitted in connexion with the necessity of providing suitable employment for the large number of prisoners confined in Police cells. Therefrom it is noted that 200 men can be profitably employed in regular work such as stone breaking, and bricking, metalling, and general maintenance of new roads in the Western District.

Mixed Court.

The following correspondence is ordered for publication :—

Translation of letter from the Mixed Court Magistrate, dated May 7, 1908.

The Mixed Court Magistrate is in receipt of a dispatch from the Taotai to the effect that the Chairman of the Works Bureau Li Chung-yü with Li Hou-yu, Yü Huai-chih, Wang Chen, Mou Hsi-lun and others have petitioned

stating that of late unemployed vagabonds frequently band together in threes and fours, forcing their way into people's dwellings at dusk, using arms to intimidate and prevent calling for help, and then robbing them at will. The popular name of these is "Lamp-Snuffers." Several cases of robbery of this kind have come to light.

Nantao and the environs have hitherto remained undisturbed, but strange to relate on May 3 at about 7 p.m., in the Maloo, near the chief wharf outside the Great East Gate, four or five bad characters carrying revolvers suddenly pushed open the door of the Chung Tai Opium Hong with intent to commit a robbery. The shop assistants, who were extremely frightened, fled inside the building shouting that they would call the Police, and went out of the back door. The scoundrels in question seeing that the conditions were unfavourable then took to flight. On this occasion, therefore, the robbery was not accomplished, but in view of the circumstances strict and discreet precautions cannot be omitted.

The Bureau, therefore, from May 5 has posted extra patrols to relieve each other on the night beats in the Eastern, Western and Southern sections. The members of the Native City Volunteer Corps also held a meeting on May 4, and decided on a method of procedure, whereby, besides patrolling in companies, each member will carry arms, and upon meeting with robbers will at once effect their arrest. Both Police and Volunteers will thus patrol and preserve good order and, the officials of the Western section outside the West Gate will also take steps accordingly.

The Bureau has, moreover, already issued a proclamation instructing the residents that if they hear the Police or Volunteers letting off their fire-arms in chase of robbers, all must remain indoors and not come out to look on, so that accidents may be avoided. The Bureau has also requested the Taotai to issue a proclamation in the same sense in order to emphasize the importance of the matter.

The Taotai noting that the chief wharf is a place frequented by travellers, regards the action of these bad characters in thus assembling under arms as all the more daring and lawless, and is, of opinion that if they are not most strictly sought for, their violence cannot be checked nor the peace of the residents ensured. He is in course of devising a method of reorganization in connexion with the robberies which have come to light so frequently at Shanghai of late, and finds that the procedure mentioned in the petition, which is precautionary, will tend to check

violence and preserve good order, and that the request for the issue of a proclamation forbidding residents to come out and look on if they hear Police or Volunteers letting off their fire-arms in chase of robbers, is also by way of necessary precaution.

The Taotai, will therefore issue a rescript to Police officers, and will notify Volunteer officers to act with care and not to let off their arms on impulse; and if they capture any robbers, to send them to the City Magistrate forthwith for severe punishment. He will also issue a proclamation on the subject.

He now observes, however, that the bad characters in question constantly evade arrest and regard the Settlement as a place of refuge; and therefore addresses a dispatch to the Mixed Court Magistrate directing him carefully to discuss with the Municipal Council the question of posting more policemen to patrol and search for them with diligence, and if any are found, to arrest them and send them to the Court so that they may be handed over to the City Magistrate for severe treatment.

The Magistrate in receipt of this dispatch has therefore to address a letter to the Council begging it to take note, and direct the Police to post more constables, and upon arrest of any of these bad characters escort them to the Court for sending to the City Magistrate; thus greatly obliging him.

Council Room,

Shanghai, May 23, 1908.

SIR,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of May 7, on the subject of bad characters and robbers who take refuge in the Settlement.

In reply, I am directed to state that the efforts of the Police to bring malefactors to justice are and will continue to be unceasing; no less those who commit crimes within the Settlement than those who, escaping the vigilance of the native authorities in the City and Nantao, seek to take refuge within the foreign limits.

The present prevalence of crime in Shanghai appears to the Council to be directly traceable to the experimental abolition of blows at the Mixed Court. In the Council's opinion this experiment has in fact acted simply as an invitation to the criminals of the neighbourhood, who flock to the Settlement, where crime is lucrative, in the knowledge that if arrested they will escape with a lighter punishment than elsewhere throughout the eighteen provinces.

In expressing the hope that this view of the matter will receive your attention, I have further to communicate to you the Council's repeated assurance

of its desire to co-operate in putting down lawlessness of every description, and in arresting bad characters of all kinds.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. E. LEVESON,

Secretary.

Pao I, Esq.,

Mixed Court Magistrate.

House Refuse Removal

Under the Health Officer's further recommendations in this matter, six provisional informal agreements will be made for the removal of refuse from the District Chutes, and the loading and unloading will be done by Municipal coolies.

Municipal Loans.

The Council is informed that debentures have been issued to date amounting to Tls. 335,200, and that offers at par have been received to the extent of about Tls. 82,000. Money for investment in the Loan appears to be plentiful by reason of the present low rate of exchange, and, after some discussion, it is decided to accept the forementioned offers, and thereafter to raise the official rate of issue to Tls. 101 and higher, as circumstances may dictate.

House Assessment.

A letter from the Presbyterian Mission alludes to the outstanding case of the rate payable on No. 61 Range Road. The circumstances of the case are familiar to the Council, and allusion was made thereto in a speech by the Chairman in proposing Resolution V at the last meeting of Ratepayers. No rates have been paid on these premises for more than two years, and the offer of the Mission to pay all arrears upon an assessment of \$480, and the rate for the current year on an assessment of Tls. 720, is authorized for acceptance. The principle in dispute for so long is not thereby abandoned, but the suggested method of settlement appears preferable to the institution of legal proceedings.

Municipal Properties.

Markham Road Nursery.—The conversion of this small piece of foreshore is authorized, for use as a yard for stone breaking in connexion with convict labour on roads in the Western District.

Garden Bridge.

An application by Mr. C. R. Holcomb is submitted on behalf of three storekeepers in Broadway whose business is stated to have been affected by the closing of the Bridge during re-erection, in a manner similar to that of Mr. W. T. Evans. The view obtains that the grant to Mr. Evans had the nature of public bounty, and that no similar claim can be entertained except under similar special authorization by the Ratepayers. A reply in this sense is directed.

Landing Stages.

An arrangement is authorized whereby a public jetty of the usual type will be erected on the northern bank of the Soochow Creek, 100 feet east of the Chekiang Road Bridge, at the expense of the native applicant, in return for the surrender of Mow 0.005 ex Cadastral Lot 204, required to improve the corner of the North Chekiang and North Soochow Roads.

Road Extensions and Widenings.

Hankow Road.—The compensation to be paid to the Sin Wan Pao Ld. for the surrender of a strip of Cadastral Lot 256, measuring Mow 0.019 required for the widening of this road, is authorized at the rate of Tls. 25,000 per mow, plus ten per cent for compulsory surrender, and less one-third for betterment, a total sum of Tls. 348.

Chekiang Road.—In accordance with the following correspondence, the compensation payable for the scheduled portion of Cadastral lot 584 will be settled by the Land Commission:—

Shanghai, March 30, 1908.

DEAR SIR,—The surrender ex. B. C. lot No. 768, Cad. lot. No. 584, Central, for widening the Chekiang Road in accordance with the Surveyors' plan dated March 11, 1907 is now complete and the fence removed from the front of the new buildings.

The strip measures in accordance with said plan Mow 0.199 which at its assessed value of Tls. 15,000 per mow plus 10 per cent for compulsory surrender amounts to Tls. 3,283.50, and we shall be much obliged by your sending us the surrender deed for signature and cheque for the above amount after registration at Consulate.

We are, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully

WARD, PROBST & Co.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,

Secretary, Municipal Council.

Council Room,

Shanghai, April 13, 1908.

GENTLEMEN,—In reply to your letter of March 30, I am directed to state that the Council is of opinion that the claim therein contained for the surrender of Mow 0.199 ex Cadastral lot 584 required for widening the Chekiang Road, should be reduced by one-third for betterment in respect to 4 feet, the average width required to make a 30-foot road, the excess required for the standard of 40 feet being paid for in full. The amended calculation would thus be as follows:

Mow 0.199 at Tls. 15,000	
per mow.....	Tls. 2,985
Plus 10 per cent	„ 298
	Tls. 3,283
Less 1/3 for betterment in	
respect to Mow 0.1 ...	Tls. 550
	Tls. 2,733

The difference between this figure and your claim is not great, but the Council is desirous of emphasizing the principle that a portion of the cost of providing roads of at least 30 feet in width through Chinese properties should be borne by the owner, while it is admitted that for a greater width than this limit the advantage is wholly for the public. In this connexion I am directed to refer to the correspondence with Mr. W. Scott published in the Municipal Gazette on Thursday last, April 9.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

W. E. LEVESON,

Secretary.

Messrs. WARD, PROBST & Co.

Shanghai, April 25, 1908.

DEAR SIR,—We have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 13th instant in which you say the Council is of opinion that the claim for the surrender ex Cadastral lot No. 584 for widening the Chekiang Road should be reduced by one-third for betterment in respect to the width required to make a 30-foot road and that the excess required to make it a 40-foot road should be paid for in full, and you further say the Council is desirous of emphasizing the principle that a portion of the cost of providing roads of at least 30 feet in width through Chinese properties should be borne by the owner, on the ground, apparently, that a road 30 feet in width is of advantage to the owners of native buildings fronting it.

The principle the Council is so desirous of emphasizing we cannot, however, admit though a 30-foot road may in some cases be a distinct advantage to the buildings fronting it, but any one with an experience of Chinese properties in purely Chinese localities such as this is, will admit that native tenants will pay just as much rent for a shop fronting a narrow road as they would if it fronted a wide one.

The low rentals from the shops fronting the Lloyd Road is, we think, sufficient evidence that wide roads do not necessarily command high rents.

That Mr. W. Scott accepted the Council's proposition in respect to Cad. Lot No. 381 has no bearing on this or any other case whatever and should not be cited as a reason why we should accept it, and we have yet to learn that a like claim was advanced last year in the case of surrenders from adjacent lots for widening the Chekiang Road, or in respect of Cad. lot No. 260 for widening the Foochow Road on which native buildings front.

That the necessity for this widening is in a very great measure due to the tram rails laid in this road no one can doubt, and that the passage of the trams will be a detriment rather than a benefit to the property, and as the introduction of these into Shanghai was voted at a Meeting of Ratepayers in, presumably, public interests the public

should pay the full amount of our claim which upon reconsideration the Council will no doubt admit.

We are, Dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,

WARD, PROBST & Co.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,
Secretary, Municipal Council.

Council Room,
Shanghai, May 16, 1908.

GENTLEMEN,—In reply to your letter of April 25, on the subject of the widening of the Chekiang Road ex Cadastral lot 584, I am directed to state that, in fixing the limit of 30 feet up to which betterment may suitably be claimed from owners, the Council is fully aware of the indifference which Chinese tenants display to the advantages which accrue from adequate light and adequate ventilation space; at the same time the improvement to properties which road facilities to a limited extent bring about is considered unquestionable. The Lloyd Road appears inapplicable for citation in this discussion since its width is far beyond that now considered to be standard, and from a certain standpoint may be regarded as too wide. The principle employed in Mr. Scott's case in the Fokien and Kiukiang Roads has elsewhere been accepted by landowners with mutually satisfactory results. In the case of Lot 260 the compensation payable is about to be assessed by the Land Commission.

In conclusion I am to observe that your supposition that the widening of the Chekiang Road was arranged in the interest of the tramway service is an erroneous one, the road having been scheduled to be 40 feet in 1903, and I am to state that, if the offer contained in my letter of April 13 is still considered unacceptable, the Council would prefer that the compensation in this case also be fixed by the Commission.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

MESSRS. WARD, PROBST & Co.

Shanghai, May 21, 1908.

DEAR SIR,—In reply to your letter of the 16th instant, re surrender ex Cad. lot No. 584, Central, the point we wish to emphasize in connexion with this is that the widening of the Chekiang Road to even 30-ft. in width would not result in higher rentals being obtained from the shops fronting it, and from a landlord's point of view increased rentals is the only improvement which would affect him. All, or nearly all road widenings may therefore be looked upon as a benefit to the public only since the landlord does not participate in it.

With regard to Cad. lot No. 260 you say "the compensation payable is about to be assessed by the Land Commission," but if we are rightly informed the question for the Land

Commissioners to decide is that of betterment to the frontage occupied by the foreign shop at the corner of the Foochow and Honan Roads only, and not to the frontage of the purely native shops west of above and fronting the Foochow Road. If this is correct the cases are not at all parallel, so under the circumstances we would prefer the question in dispute being laid before the Land Commissioners for them to decide and we trust you will arrange as early a date as possible for the hearing.

We are, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

WARD, PROBST & Co.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,
Secretary, Municipal Council.

Peking Road.—For the surrender of a portion of native-owned land at the corner west of the Koo Ka Loong, measuring Mow 0.041, compensation is authorized at the rate of Tls. 18,000 per mow, with the addition of 10 per cent, less one-third for betterment, or a total sum of Tls. 541.

Szechuen Road.—For the scheduled strip of Cadastral lot 42, measuring Mow 0.039, payment of compensation has been arranged with Messrs. Atkinson & Dallas in the terms of the following letter:—

Council Room,

Shanghai, May 20, 1908.

GENTLEMEN,—With reference to your letter of May 2, addressed to the Municipal Engineer, containing a claim for compensation for the surrender of the strip of Cadastral lot 42 scheduled for the widening of the Szechuen Road, I am directed to state that the Council accepts the claim as a basis for settlement, provided the usual reduction of one-third for betterment is made. This principle was accepted recently in connexion with a surrender ex Lot 40, which, you will observe, occupies a similar position to that of Lot 42.

I am therefore to make a counter-offer as follows:

Mow 0.039 at Tls. 70,000	
per mow	Tls. 2,730
Plus 10%	273
	3,003
Less 1/3 for betterment...	1,001
	Tls. 2,002

In conclusion I have to draw your attention to the fact that the Council's survey shows the scheduled strip as Mow 0.039, whereas you claim upon an area of Mow 0.037.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

MESSRS. ATKINSON & DALLAS.

Boundary and Cunningham Roads.—Claim for compensation by the Chinese owner for the surrender of a portion of unregistered land, east of Cadastral lot 506, required for the extension of these roads, measuring Mow 0.8 for the sum of Tls. 1,000, is authorized for acceptance.

Kaifeng and North Thibet Roads.—An arrangement with the beneficiary owner of Cadastral lot 51 is recorded, whereby the sections of these roads fronting the lot will be raised, a 10-ft. strip bricked and sanded at an estimated cost of Tls. 240, and a light placed at the northern end of the road, in return for the surrender of the scheduled portion of the property, measuring Mow 0.905. The section of the Tzepoo Road Extension through this lot will remain in abeyance.

The purchase of the following areas of native land for new roads in the Eastern District is noted as complete:—

(a) For the *Chaoufoong Road* from its existing termination near the Tongshan Road to the East Yuhang Road, Mow 3.296 at a cost of Tls. 824.

(b) For the *Alcock Road* from its existing termination at Kwenming Road to Tongshan Road, Mow 3.429 at a cost of Tls. 857.25

(c) For the *Tongshan Road* between the Dent and Singkeipang Roads, Mow 2.360 at a cost of Tls. 590.

Tramways.

The first return of Royalty due from the Company under the concession agreement, for receipts from March 5, the opening day, to the end of the March Quarter, shows a sum of \$878 payable to the Council.

Electricity Department.

The minutes of the Electricity Committee of May 14, are read and confirmed. There were present:—

Messrs. E. C. Pearce (Chairman)
J. Grant Mackenzie
H. W. Pilcher
The Electrical Engineer and
The Secretary.

Tramways.—The Engineer's report on the effect of stray current on the interests of the Waterworks Company has been submitted to the members. It is understood that the negative booster to which he refers will be in working in the course of one or two days, and the reply to the Company's letter on this subject will be deferred until the early results of the working of this device are known.

Coal.—Eight tenders are submitted in response to Notification No. 1895 for the supply of coal, and the Electrical Engineer reports the result of the tests carried out in the Works during the past month. The Committee endorses his recommendation to accept that of the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha for Takaye small coal at Tls. 6.35 per ton. Other tenders received are as follows:

D. McGregor & Co.
Tls. 7.90 Small Lump and
Tls. 8.00 Small Lump and nuts

Dodwell & Co., Ltd.
Tls. 6.20 Soyeda Dust

Sander, Wieler & Co.
Tls. 8.05 Ogiura Dust
Tls. 12.60 Hongay Small Nut
Tls. 8.20 Hongay Dust

Mitsui Bussan Kaisha
Tls. 5.75 Miiké Dust
Tls. 5.75 Matsushima No. 5' Dust
Tls. 6.35 Matsushima No. 3' Dust
Tls. 70 Tagawa Dust
Tls. 7.40 Fushun
Tls. 7.50 Miike Washed Nuts

Chinese Engineering & Mining Co., Ltd.
Tls. 5.50 No. 5 Dust

The Eastern Coal Co.
Tls. 5.75 Taku Dust

Mitsu Bishi Co.
Tls. 6.10 Miyao Dust

Johnsen & Herlofson
Tls. 7.10 Shakano Kirigomi.

Additional Boiler.—A special report by the Engineer is submitted, generally to the effect that owing to reductions in coal consumption, and improved working conditions of the plant generally, the boiler provided in the estimates is not necessary for the ensuing winter's load. He recommends its omission and the reduction of the year's loan by Tls. 20,000. Mr. Mackenzie is of opinion that a safer and preferable course would be to carry out this purchase as originally planned, but, after some discussion, the recommendation is endorsed, Mr. Mackenzie recording his dissent from the decision.

Repairs to No. 1 Engine.—Three tenders for the execution of certain minor repairs to the Belliss and Morcom engine are submitted, and that of the New Engineering and Shipbuilding Works Ltd. for Tls. 300 is accepted.

Indents.—Nos. 706 for 2 Rover Motor cars £345; 707 for 3 Steam Stop valves £150, 708 for 1 Negative Booster (spare) £300; 709 for additional Remote Control Switch-gear £130; are approved for dispatch.

In regard to the first named the Committee has directed the reductions of the number of cars provided in the estimates from three to two.

As to the efficiency of this mode of transport the Engineer writes: "Rapid locomotion of the three men engaged upon outside work enables more work to be got through, a better and more constant supervision of the native staff and considerably lower costs in the Department for locomotion. The charge per month for carriages hired out by the Horse Bazaar is Tls. 75; the actual cost of running cars similar to the ones included in this year's estimates is Tls. 37, this figure including interest and depreciation at 20 per cent per annum. Even allowing a higher figure, say Tls. 45 per month, there is still a large economy in locomotion expenses alone leaving out of the question the increased time gained which can be devoted to office or testing work."

High Tension Feeder Switch-gear.—It is decided to obtain, through Messrs.

Preece and Cardew, tenders for the supply of this switch-gear at an estimated cost of £400.

Lubricating Oil.—The Engineer reports favourably on the oils supplied during the past six years, some of which are specially imported for the Department's use, and, under the circumstances, it is decided to renew the contract for a further period of one year, at prices stated, without calling for tenders as is usual.

Registration of Architects.

The reply of the Senior Consul is read to the Council's request for confirmation of the addition to Article XXX of the Land Regulations, passed at the recent Ratepayers' Meeting. He desires information as to the deliberations of the sub-committee appointed to discuss and devise the code of rules on this subject. The letter with reply as decided is ordered for publication:—

Shanghai, April 28, 1908.

SIR,—With reference to your letter dated March 31 relating to certain amendments to Article XXX of the Land Regulations which obtained the approval of the Ratepayers at the special meeting held on March 20, 1908 and before, in accordance with Art. XXVIII of the same Regulations, presenting said amendments for the approval of the Foreign Consuls and local Chinese authorities and of the Foreign representatives and supreme Chinese Government in Peking, I have the honour to request that you will be good enough to let the Consular Body know which conclusions have been arrived at by the sub-committee referred to in the Secretary's letter to the Shanghai Society of Engineers & Architects of September 14, 1907, and appointed to "discuss and devise a code of rules to be drawn up under provision of the regulation when amended."

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

D. SIFFERT,

Consul-General for Belgium,
and Senior Consul.

D. LANDALE, Esq.,

Chairman, Municipal Council.

Council Room,

Shanghai, May 20, 1908.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of April 28, relating to the amendment of Article XXX of the Land Regulations approved by the Ratepayers in March last, which will provide for the registration of Architects practising in Shanghai.

In reply thereto, I have the honour to state that the Council has not considered it advisable to receive or deliberate as to the code of rules to be drawn in terms of the amended Regulation until the necessary authoritative confirmation has been obtained. I may add that the sub-committee of Engineers

and Architects appointed to assist in the work of compiling this code are awaiting this confirmation before considering the matter.

I have honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

DAVID LANDALE,

Chairman.

D. SIFFERT, Esq.,

Consul-General for Belgium,
and Senior Consul.

Annual Meeting of Ratepayers.

Rules of Procedure.—Draft amendment of No. 8 of the Rules of Procedure, based on the suggestion of Sir Havilland de Sausmarez in March last, is forwarded by the Legal Adviser and ordered for publication:—

Upon a poll being called for the doors shall be closed by order of the Chairman. The Secretary shall then read the list of Ratepayers registered at the meeting and each voter present shall as his name is read declare whether he votes in the affirmative or negative and the number of votes which he casts. When the number of votes on each side are equal the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote. After the doors have been closed no person shall be allowed to enter until the poll has been completed. As soon as the poll has been completed the doors shall be opened and the result of the division shall be declared by the Chairman whose decision shall be final unless a scrutiny shall be at once called for.

The meeting adjourns at 6.25 p.m.

The following documents are ordered for publication with the foregoing minutes:—

Health Department.

Notification of Infectious Disease.

The following have been reported during the week ending Sunday, May 24, 1908.	Deaths among Chinese population of 530,000	Cases notified among Non-Chinese population of 14,500.
Small-pox.	3	0
Cholera.	0	0
Typhoid Fever.	—	1
Diphtheria.	1	0
Scarlet Fever.	0	0
Tuberculosis.	1	0
Total Deaths from all causes.	157	1

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ARTHUR STANLEY,
Health Officer.

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SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 1908.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, May 27, 1908, at 4.30 p.m., there are present :

Messrs. D. Landale (*Chairman*)
A. W. Burkill
W. D. Little
R. S. F. McBain
J. H. McMichael
O. Meuser
W. A. C. Platt
J. Prentice
The Secretary and
Assistant Secretary.

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Police.

Foreign Branch.—The transfer of Sergeant Goddard for service at the Mixed Court is authorized as from May 12.

The transfer of P.C. Shorter to be Gaol Warder is authorized as from May 1.

Signalling Towers.—A Police report refers to the importance of easy and rapid communication between outlying Police Stations, in the event of interruption of telephonic connexion. This may be effected by a system of signalling, for which at the Central Station use of the tower of the Health Office is authorized, and the erection of bamboo structures of a suitable height at the Bubbling Well and Yangtzeppoo Stations. The cost of an erection of this type at the latter of these Stations will amount to Tls. 287.

Louza Cells.—From reports submitted, it is noted that the recent prevalence of relapsing fever among prisoners at the Louza Station is due to the fact that the flooring of the cells and platforms on which they sleep are of wood throughout. Cleansing is thus rendered more difficult and the spread of infection encouraged. The Health Officer's recommendation to cement the floors and construct movable wooden platforms as in use at the West Hongkew and Sinza Stations is authorized accordingly at an estimated cost of Tls. 600.

Policing Beyond Limits.

Two Police reports are read recounting the incident which took place this morning in the North Chekiang Road, when P.C. Sinclair was assaulted by the native police established beyond Settlement limits. It is decided to furnish the Consular Body with a summary of the facts, and to state that the present conditions under which the northern boundary of the Settlement has become obliterated by road construction and buildings are such as may at any time give rise to serious disturbance. It is the opinion of the members that the time has arrived to apply for an extension of the Settlement at least as far as the railway line, which, from inspection of the Paoshan plan, appears the only satisfactory barrier :—

Council Room.

Shanghai, May 28, 1908.

SIR.—I have the honour to inform the Consular Body that a foreign police-constable was yesterday assaulted on the North Chekiang Road, and an attempt made to secure his arrest, by the native police from one of the small stations recently established on the outskirts of the Settlement.

As is very generally known this road for a distance of about three hundred yards south of the Railway Station lies along the Settlement boundary, and during the last few months collisions of this character have been not infrequent, a state of affairs which the Council regards as fraught with serious consequences and calling for redress.

The main facts of the case in point are reported in this morning's newspapers with substantial accuracy, and it is not the Council's wish to make any detailed statement in view of the forthcoming proceedings at the Mixed Court. It is, however, to be noted that the two native police who were arrested and detained at the West Hongkew Station have been liberated at the express application of the Taotai Wong, the official responsible for their actions. He stated that if they remained in custody the discipline of the remainder of his men would be impaired, and, upon a guarantee for their appearance at Court, his request was granted.

The more general question of Police authority in this district, however, became a subject for discussion by the Council, with the result that I have the honour to seek the support of your colleagues and yourself to the proposition that all the lands lying between the Settlement and the Railway line be incorporated within Municipal limits and made liable to administration under the Land Regulations.

The reasons which the Council adduces for this course may be briefly stated as follows :

(I) The expression in Article VI of the Regulations, "on the admission by vote of public meeting of any tracts of land into the limits of the Municipal authority" is clear evidence that the situation which has arisen was contemplated when the code was framed, and the conditions which preceded the extension arranged ten years ago were not more difficult than those which at present confront the community.

(II) The nominal boundary of the Settlement on the north is for practical purposes obliterated, merely threading its way through continuous house property, and if the authority of the Municipal Police were exactly limited by this line the difficulties of detective and patrol work would be almost insuperable.

(III) The plan of "Paoshan" displays how large a proportion of the land in question has been registered under the Regulations, and the fact that it cannot be taxed under similar authority constitutes alike an anomaly and a reasonable cause for complaint on the part of owners of land within the line.

The question as affecting the Public Health of the Settlement has already been brought to your notice in previous dispatches, and there is to be added the serious fact that in the absence of any authoritative means of road construction or supervision of buildings, the district is growing in a manner which, in view of modern requirements for ventilation, fire protection, and general security, cannot be regarded as otherwise than highly unsatisfactory.

Beyond indicating the Railway line as the most desirable new limit in the absence of any natural barrier, the Council does not desire to go further into the question at present of the amount of extension which should be arranged. But, confident of public support to the proposal, the Council suggests that suitable representations be made to the Viceroy, and to the Representatives of the Treaty Powers in Peking, that extension is necessary in principle, whereafter the formalities which are requisite may be carried out in consultation with the local officials.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your obedient servant,

DAVID LANDALE,
Chairman.

D. SIFFERT, Esq.,
Consul-General for Belgium,
and Senior Consul.

Shanghai, June 2, 1908.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated May 28, the contents of which have the earnest consideration of the Consular Body.

I can add that I hope a further answer will be given soon.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

D. SIFFERT,

Consul General for Belgium and
Senior Consul.

D. LANDALE, Esq.,

Chairman, Municipal Council.

Chinese Proclamation.

Injection of Morphia.—The following correspondence is ordered for publication :—

Shanghai, May 19, 1908.

SIR,—I have the honour to enclose herewith copy and translation of a letter received from the Taotai, covering a proclamation submitted for counter-signature, both documents having reference to the practice of making morphia injections. Before complying with the Taotai's request, the Consular Body would be pleased to have any information that may have reached the Municipal Council on the subject.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

D. SIFFERT,

Consul-General for Belgium,
and Senior Consul.

D. LANDALE, Esq.,

Chairman, Municipal Council.

Translation of letter from the Taotai to the Senior Consul, dated May 1, 1908.

I have to inform you with reference to the subject of morphia, that the evil effect caused by this drug exceeds that of opium from which it is derived. It is on record that last year the promoted Taotai, Jui, made a statement to the effect that certain disreputable merchants were importing morphia, and either using it in the preparation of anti-opium medicine, or secretly selling it for injection purposes, and thereby inflicting injury upon people. He discussed the matter with the Senior Consul and obtained approval for the issue of a proclamation strictly forbidding these practices.

It is now reported that a number of bad characters in the Settlement are again selling morphia by injection, for purposes of gain, and that the Police have several times arrested such persons and sent them to the Mixed Court for punishment. If, therefore, a strict prohibition is not issued, the spread of this poison will continue. Besides directing the Mixed Court Magistrate to give orders for their arrest and deal with them severely, the Taotai has

now prepared a proclamation for issue in prohibition of morphia injection; and having taken a copy, forwards it herewith and requests the Senior Consul kindly to take note and give directions for its issue. He trusts also that the Senior Consul will direct the Police without exception to effect the secret arrest of the concerned and take them to the Mixed Court to be dealt with severely, and awaits the favour of a reply.

Translation of Proclamation issued by the Taotai, dated May 1, 1908.

A proclamation is hereby issued on the subject of morphia, a drug the evil effect of which exceeds that of opium whence it is derived. It is on record that last year the promoted Taotai Jui, stated that certain disreputable merchants were importing morphia, and either using it in the preparation of anti-opium medicine, or secretly selling it for injection purposes, and thereby inflicting injury upon people. He discussed the matter with the Senior Consul and obtained approval for the issue of a proclamation strictly forbidding these practices.

It is now rumoured that a number of bad characters in the Settlement are using injectors for morphia, and secretly duping ignorant people into substituting it for the opium craving. The persons thus duped, though gaining temporary relief, repent in vain hereafter, and their situation is most pitiable. No wrong-doing is more callous than that of those who earn a living in this way, and actually make use of the sudden and swift infliction of harm upon others as a method of making profit.

The recent command to prohibit the use of opium was promulgated with a view to removing an evil which besets the people. The use of this device by these bad characters is thus not to be tolerated, since thereby, before the people have been freed from the evil wrought by opium, they suffer that of morphia in addition. Directions have therefore been given to the Mixed Court Magistrate of the Settlement, and a dispatch written to the Senior Consul, in order that directions be given to the Police without exception to effect the secret arrest of the concerned; and in addition to these steps, this proclamation is now duly issued in prohibition, whereby persons of all classes are expected one and all to take note.

You must know that although by entry of the morphia from the injector into the skin, it may for the time be substituted for the opium craving, the poison yet remains and festers into a sore which is not to be cured by treatment. Parents, therefore, should warn their children, and elder brothers their juniors, that if they have the opium craving they should select and buy suitable medicines which do not contain opium ashes or morphia, in order quickly to get rid of the habit, and not suffer deception and conceive the idea of substituting one craving for another to their own undoing.

As to those who seduce people into the habit of injection for purposes of gain, it is permitted to such as have suffered in this way, and to all military and other persons, to seize them together with their apparatus and hand them over to the officials for the severest treatment. No vexatious results whatever shall befall those who take action of this kind. Let all tremble and obey.

Council Room,

Shanghai, June 1, 1908.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of May 19, enclosing copy of a proclamation by the Taotai on the subject of morphia injection.

In reply, I have the honour to state that during the months of March and April seven prosecutions for this offence were conducted at the Mixed Court, with very satisfactory results so far as lessening the practice is concerned.

The Council observes also a passage in the document advising the victim of the opium habit to select and buy suitable medicines in order quickly to get rid of it. Inasmuch as all such drugs are either useless, or are mere pitfalls substituting one craving for another, the admonition, though perhaps well-intentioned, may foster the danger against which it purports to contend.

I venture further to refer to the correspondence published on pages 56 and 57 of the last Annual Report, which shows that the Native Authorities seemed formerly to be convinced that most anti-opium medicines on the local market were poisonous, with the exception of one which the Taotai mentioned by name, and which had been certified by the Health Officer to be more noxious than many of the others. The need for caution and the requisite knowledge in advising the native community on the subject is only too clear.

The Council, however, is not opposed to the posting of the proclamation, the general trend of which is to warn natives of the poorer class against the use of a dangerous drug, and the members are confident that the seal of the Consular Body will only be placed thereon if, in terms of your letter to the Taotai of December 12, 1907, it is considered to be a subject of sufficient national interest or a matter of weight affecting the whole community.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

DAVID LANDALE,

Chairman.

D. SIFFERT, Esq.,

Consul-General for Belgium,
and Senior Consul.

Road Extensions and Widenings.

Kiangse Road.—Compensation to be paid to Messrs. Atkinson and Dallas for the surrender of the scheduled portion of Cadastral lot 143, measuring Mow 0.151, for the widening of this road to 30 feet, is authorized at the rate of Tls. 40,000 per mow, plus 10 per cent for compulsory surrender and less one-third for betterment, a total sum of Tls. 4,429.

Broadway East.—For the scheduled strip of Cadastral lot 32, measuring Mow 0.349, payment of compensation has been arranged with Messrs. Atkinson and Dallas in terms of the following letters:—

Council Room,
Shanghai, May 22, 1908.

GENTLEMEN,—With reference to your letter of May 2, addressed to the Municipal Engineer, on the subject of the widening of Broadway and the Yuenfong Road ex Cadastral lot 32, I am directed to state that your claim for compensation for the surrender of the frontage strip on the former road is accepted as a basis for settlement. With reference to the Yuenfong Road frontage, the Council is willing to meet your wishes in the matter, and the proposed improvement may therefore remain in abeyance. In consideration of this, and also in view of the fact that the widening of Broadway will obviate any congestion of traffic at a spot where the owner's interests are immediately concerned, and allow the godown to be worked to greater advantage, I am to state that the usual deduction for betterment should be made from your claim.

The amended calculation, to which I am to request your assent, will therefore be as follows:

	Tls.
Mow 0.349 at Tls. 16,000 per mow	5,584
Plus 10 per cent.....	558
	Tls. 6,142
Less $\frac{1}{3}$ for betterment.....	2,047
	Tls. 4,095

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

W. E. LEVESON,

Secretary.

Messrs. ATKINSON & DALLAS.

Shanghai, May 26, 1908.

DEAR SIR,—We beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 22 and in reply thereto we beg to state that we accept the Council's offer, on the condition that the owner or owners for the time being of U.S. Lot 515 have

full right and liberty to lay the foundations of any houses or buildings under the surface of the said land hereby surrendered.

We are,

Yours faithfully,

ATKINSON & DALLAS.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,

Secretary, Municipal Council.

East Yuhang and Kalgan Roads.

In accordance with the following correspondence, the compensation payable for the scheduled portion of Cadastral lot 862 will be settled by the Land Commission:—

Shanghai, September 6, 1907.

DEAR SIR,—At the request of the Rev. H. L. W. Bevan of the London Missionary Society, the Council has undertaken to negotiate for the surrender of the land fronting on the East Yuhang and Kalgan Road Extensions from the present terminus of East Yuhang Road to the property of the London Mission on Kalgan Road, and also to endeavour to collect contributions towards the making up, culverting, draining and metalling of a twelve-foot strip, a distance of 2,317 feet, which is estimated to cost Tls. 4,031.58 the Council contributing the usual one-third as its share.

As the success of this undertaking depends upon the co-operation of the various frontagers, I desire to ascertain whether you are prepared to surrender free that portion of B. C. Lot 2556, measuring Mow 0.816 and coloured red on plan herewith.

The two-thirds cost of the making up of the road which it is sought to recover from those concerned works out at Tls. 0.58 per foot run of frontage and the amount to be contributed by you on this basis would be Tls. 150.22 for a frontage of 259 feet.

I need hardly point out that if the road is carried out as proposed it will greatly appreciate the value of the property.

Yours faithfully,

C. MAYNE,

Engineer and Surveyor.

F. ELLIS, Esq.

Shanghai, October 16, 1907.

DEAR SIR,—I am duly in receipt of your letters of September 6 and October 2, and in reply beg to state that the reason for my not answering same sooner, was on account of my absence from Shanghai.

With reference to the free surrender of a portion of B.C. lot 2556 (Cad. lot 862) measuring Mow 0.816 and coloured red on the plan you sent me, I regret to state that I cannot accede to such a request, but I will be prepared to surrender the strip in question on payment of compensation

at the rate of Tls. 5,000 per mow, and if this offer is accepted I am prepared to pay Tls. 150.22 for my share of the cost of the making up of the road.

Yours faithfully,

FRANCIS ELLIS.

C. MAYNE, Esq.,

Municipal Engineer.

Shanghai, October 18, 1907.

DEAR SIR,—In reply to your letter of October 16, I beg to inform you that the Council has undertaken to construct the road, provided the necessary land therefor can be obtained free, or at the low rate fixed under the Taotai's proclamation for land in native ownership, and provided, further, that the frontagers will contribute towards the metalling of the road.

Your claim for compensation, involving a sum of Tls. 4,080 would, consequently, prevent the carrying out of the extension, and the efforts of the London Mission and the Council in their endeavours to secure contributions and free surrenders will have been of no avail.

I therefore venture to repeat the request contained in a former letter, for a free surrender of the land in question and the contribution necessary for the metalling of the road.

I may say that of eleven frontagers from whom replies have been received, all have agreed to surrender free the land required for the road.

Yours faithfully,

CHARLES MAYNE,

Engineer & Surveyor.

F. ELLIS, Esq.

Shanghai, November 13, 1907.

DEAR SIR,—In reply to your letter of October 18 and November 6 I regret to inform you that I cannot possibly consent to a surrender of the land in question, on any other terms than those stated in my letter to you of October 16 last.

Yours faithfully,

FRANCIS ELLIS.

C. MAYNE, Esq.

Shanghai, December 24, 1907.

DEAR SIR,—In reply to your letter of December 12 asking for my permission as registered owner to proceed with the construction of the East Yuhang and Kalgan Road Extension pending completion of negotiations for the surrender of the land required, I write to inform you that you have the permission requested.

As to the compensation to be paid for the land required to be surrendered, I am now prepared to make the necessary surrender on being paid at the rate of Tls. 4,000 per mow. I regret to say that I cannot make better terms in this matter.

Yours faithfully,

FRANCIS ELLIS.

C. MAYNE, Esq.

Council Room,

Shanghai, January 9, 1908.

SIR,—With reference to the correspondence which has taken place between yourself and the Municipal Engineer on the subject of the acquisition of a portion of Cadastral lot 862 for purposes of the Kalgan Road Extension, I am directed to request that you may be good enough to re-consider the matter in the following light:—

It appears that from the same property an area of Mow 0.434 is required from the southern frontage for the East Yuhang Road, and the Council would prefer to negotiate for the whole of the scheduled area rather than leave this second strip for purchase in the future.

Upon this basis nearly one-third of the lot is needed for road purposes, and, as is usual in such cases, compensation is without doubt payable to the owner.

Upon completion of the roads the property, now an agricultural holding approached only by a devious native path, will become a corner site suitable for building purposes. It is, therefore, clear that the remainder of the lot will be very materially increased in value by the operation.

With these facts in view the Council directs me to make an offer of Tls. 3,000 per mow, the fair market value recently placed on the property by Messrs. W. Scott and A. E. Algar, with 10 per cent added for compulsory surrender, and less two-thirds for betterment, i.e., a sum of Tls. 1,375.

If this offer is acceptable the Council is prepared to forego the levy in respect to making up the road mentioned in the Engineer's letter of September 6.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. E. LEVESON,

Secretary.

F. ELLIS, Esq.

Shanghai, May 25, 1908.

DEAR SIR,—Referring to previous correspondence and to your letter of January 9 last, I now write to inform you that I cannot see my way to surrender the two strips of land on the terms mentioned in your letter but I will be prepared to accept Tls. 3,500 per mow for such area as the Council may wish to acquire with an additional 10 per cent for compulsory surrender but without any deduction for betterment.

Unless this offer is accepted by the Council, I must ask you to kindly bring the matter before the Land Commissioners for decision.

Yours faithfully,

FRANCIS ELLIS.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.

Secretary, Municipal Council.

Municipal Grants.

The request of the St. Francis Xavier School is considered for special treatment in the matter of Land Tax payable on the School site, Cadastral lot 1044 N. As a matter of principle an opinion unfavourable to any reduction is recorded. At the same time, in view of the abatement enjoyed by the School in the past, it is decided that the Grant for the current year be raised from Tls. 1,500 to Tls. 1,800.

Council Room,

Shanghai, May 21, 1908.

SIR,—With reference to the assessment of the School property, Cadastral lot 1044 N, and to Brother Mouly's recent note on the subject, I am directed to inform you that the Council is of opinion that the full rate at Tls. 9,000 per mow should be paid for the current half-year and in future.

In recognition, however, of the abatement which the School has heretofore enjoyed, the Council is willing to raise the Annual Grant from Tls. 1,500 to Tls. 1,800, and I shall be glad to learn that this arrangement is regarded by yourself as satisfactory.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. E. LEVESON,

Secretary.

The Rev. Brother ANTONIN,
Director, St. Xavier's School.

The meeting adjourns at 5.55 p.m.

The following documents are ordered for publication with the foregoing minutes:—

Health Department.**Notification of Infectious Disease.**

The following have been reported during the week ending Sunday, May 31, 1908.	Deaths among Chinese population of 530,000	Cases notified among Non-Chinese population of 14,500.
Small-pox	2	0
Cholera	0	0
Typhoid Fever	—	2
Diphtheria	1	0
Scarlet Fever	0	0
Tuberculosis	14	0
Total Deaths from all Causes	153	1

ARTHUR STANLEY.

*Health Officer.***Electrical Engineer's Report for March.**

Generation.—Both the boiler-house and engine-room plant has been maintained in good order. No. 4 Ferranti engine was equipped with new valves and the steam consumption has been very materially reduced. The Belliss traction sets have been regularly run: they are working excellently.

Distribution High-tension Feeders.—The Jessfield Road extension was completed during the month. 2,120 yds. of .022 vul. cable.

The East Yuhang-Chaoufoong Road extensions to Medhurst College was also completed. 1,980 yds. of .022 vul. cable.

Low-extension Distributors.—The following extensions were made:—

Sinza Road ...183 yds. .060 barecable
Bubbling Well

Road280 yds. .034 barecable

Tsong Chow

Road (East of

Medhurst Rd.) 420 yds. .076 Three wire system

210 yds. .060 " "

Sub-Stations.—A 20 K. W. oil cooled transformer was erected on pole in Jessfield Road to supply consumer in the district served by the new extension.

A 20 K. W. oil cooled transformer was erected on pole outside Medhurst College for supplying that building.

Poles.—Forty-nine poles were erected in March and twelve poles were renewed.

House Services.—Thirty new house services were connected during the month.

Equivalent 8 c.p. lamps.—643 equivalent 8 candle-power lamps were added.

Motors.—Two additional motors each of 4 horse-power were connected to the mains. One of 2.25 horse-power was disconnected making a net increase of 5.75 horse-power. The total number of motors now connected is sixty-two; aggregate horse-power 396.2.

Coal.—There is a marked reduction in the coal consumption which has fallen from 8.08-lb. per unit generated in January to 6.93-lb. in March. Per unit sold the figure was 10.12-lb. and 8.45 respectively. In April the figure has been lowered to 6.19-lb. per unit generated whilst the first seven days in May show a further reduction to 5.6-lb. The reduction in the coal consumption latterly has been due to the more efficient operation of the Ferranti engines: the improved load factor produced by the increased output of electricity for traction purposes; and to the use of superheated steam. The superheating throughout the station will be increased in a few months when the new separately fired superheater arrives: the general effect should tend towards further coal economies. The excellent results so far during the current month have been made easier by using a Japanese coal of higher

calorific value and easier burning properties. As demonstrating the value of a high load factor—so frequently mentioned by me in reports—and its bearing on the cheaper production of electricity it will be interesting to note that whereas in November last we were generating on an average 11,000 units per day for which thirty-four tons daily were consumed the present month shows an output of about 13,000 units per day with a coal consumption of thirty-one tons only.

Oil.—The oil consumption in March was 220 gallons as against 466 gallons in March, 1907.

Water.—The water consumption was lower than for same period last year by 580,000 gallons.

Units Generated.—389,512 units were generated against 294,672 in March last year.

Units Sold and Accounted for.—319,571 units were sold against 215,172 in March last year.

Ratio.—The ratio between units generated and sold was 82.04 as against 73.03 last year.

COMPARATIVE TABLE.

	1908	1907
Total lamps connected	148,354	111,749
Total horse-power in motors ...	396.2	268.45
Units generated.	389,512	294,672
Units sold and accounted for.	319,571	215,172
Ratio	82.04	73.02
Coal per unit generated lbs.	6.93	9.34
Coal per unit sold, etc., lbs.	8.45	12.78

General.—In a few weeks the coal and ash-conveying plant will be completed and the mechanical handling of both coal and ashes will be inaugurated. The ferro-concrete switch gear cells for the new Brown-Boveri high-tension motor operated switch apparatus is completed and the greater part of the switch-gear is erected.

Ten new "Flame" arc lamps of the "Beck" patent have been erected on the Bund. There is a marked improvement in the general lighting effect.

T. H. U. ALDRIDGE,

Electrical Engineer.

Summary of General Municipal Rate, Native. March Quarter 1908.

	1908.		1907.		1906.	
	No. of Houses.	Rental Assessment.	No. of Houses.	Rental Assessment.	No. of Houses.	Rental Assessment.
		\$		\$		\$
Central District.....	12,273	4,230,931	12,385	3,837,583	12,478	3,699,878
Northern do.	15,395	2,055,023	15,041	1,880,014	14,350	1,761,835
Eastern do.	12,348	938,175	11,953	855,204	10,472	746,908
Western do.	9,749	956,669	8,817	813,394	8,459	753,330
Outside Settlement Limits	3,019	241,749	2,194	170,827	233	26,508
Total	52,784	8,422,547	50,390	7,557,022	45,992	6,988,459
Occupied by Natives.....	47,763	7,366,180	47,149	6,857,097	43,570	6,416,005
do. Foreigners	1,238	475,127	1,051	361,579	962	246,205
Unoccupied	3,783	581,240	2,190	338,346	1,460	326,249
Total	52,784	8,422,547	50,390	7,557,022	45,992	6,988,459
Tax Collected		\$		\$		\$
Central District @ 10%		101,665		93,719		89,043
Northern do. do.		47,317		44,438		41,934
Eastern do. do.		20,613		19,569		17,528
Western do. do.		20,143		18,277		17,280
Outside Settlement Limits @ 5%		2,457		2,024		259
Total		192,195		178,027		166,044

E. L. ALLEN,

Assistant Overseer of Taxes.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RETURN FOR THE QUARTER ENDING MARCH 31, 1908.

The Council for 1908/9 announced on March 26 last that the Finance Committee would use every endeavour to prevent exceeding, and where possible to curtail, the expenditure estimated for the year. To this end reports from the Heads of the principal Departments have been submitted bearing on the subject and a summary of their contents follows.

The Captain-Superintendent of Police writes that, after giving the matter careful consideration, he does not find himself in a position to recommend any serious reduction in expenditure. He continues :—

“From the time of my arrival in Shanghai in August last and assumption of the duties of Captain-Superintendent of Police, till the time the Annual Estimates were forwarded, the question of the reorganization and increase of the Police Force had my close attention. A scheme was evolved which received the approval of the Watch Committee, and on this the Estimates were prepared and submitted. The large increase of these figures over those of 1907 is the outcome of this new scheme, which has to some extent followed the recommendations of the Police Enquiry Committee appointed at the direct request of the Ratepayers. The paragraph in the Committee's report under the heading ‘Cost,’ which was quoted by the Chairman of Council at the Ratepayers' Meeting clearly intimates that if the Ratepayers require an efficient Police Force and adequate protection they must be prepared to pay accordingly.

“With this object in mind the Estimates have now been reviewed item by item and I can only find one instance where figures might be reduced without hindering the scheme of development of the Force and its present and future efficiency. This will be found under the heading ‘Chinese Pay,’ and is explained as follows :—

“In the anticipation that better recruits would not be available to enable any serious increase in the Native branch to be made during the first six months of the year the number of the Native Constables was fixed at 680, an increase of thirty over 1907. This figure, owing to a process of weeding out of useless men, and the stricter examination required for candidates presenting themselves, has never been reached, the average strength of native constables for the first quarter of the year standing at 580. By this means a saving of \$1,100 each month has been effected and this will continue until the reorganization of the Native branch is taken in hand by the recently appointed Assistant Superintendent. No serious increase in the figures need be expected till the middle of the year, when it may be stated, without entering into particulars of the scheme of reorganization, that it is proposed to better the terms of service, and to enlist a different class of recruits.

“It is estimated that by the end of June the strength will have risen to 680, after which date the authorized strength is fixed at 830. The number required to fill up vacancies is thus 250, and it is confidently expected that altered conditions of service and recruiting from outside sources will by the end of the year have raised the numbers to the estimated total. As has been the case during the first quarter, so during the rest of the year a saving in actual pay, diminishing it is true month by month, will have been effected, but what this actually will amount to cannot at the present time be estimated. Without, however, hampering any scheme of development during the current year the item of Tls. 10,000 under the Sub-heading ‘allowance for increased rates of pay’ may safely be eliminated from the Budget, as any funds required for this purpose will be realized from the balance of the Tls. 72,000 odd estimated pay which has been economized as explained above.

“In regard to other items of the Ordinary Expenditure that under the heading of ‘Uniform’ has been fixed at Tls. 45,000. It will be noted that this is Tls. 15,000 in excess of the Estimate for 1907, but this estimate was, owing to the large increase in the foreign and native strength, exceeded by Tls. 7,265 which justifies the increased estimate for 1908. On account of the large batches of foreign recruits arriving every two months it is only by careful economy that the Tls. 45,000 will be found sufficient to cover the bare cost of uniform, leaving no funds for certain minor changes in the uniform of the Foreign branch, recently recommended. A statement has been prepared by the Storekeeper giving the approximate cost per annum which these changes will involve. I trust that these recommendations will be approved, as although they have been omitted from the Estimates, I consider them, perhaps with the exception of the black leather gaiters, a matter of some urgency. It will be noted that these changes were the subject of special recommendation by the Police Enquiry Committee.

“Passing to the Extraordinary Expenditure, under the heading ‘Buildings,’ the two bracketed items ‘Additional Workshops’ and ‘Additional Indian Warders’ Quarters’ on which a sum of Tls. 20,000 is to be spent as a portion of cost, call for some remarks. The former work should I consider be proceeded with with as little delay as possible.

“In regard to the Indian Warders’ Quarters on which a sum of Tls. 10,000 is authorized to be expended I have already recommended that this work be postponed until the additional cells are authorized to be erected, as these two works should be undertaken simultaneously. At the same time I cannot recommend that the sum of Tls. 10,000 be altogether eliminated from the Budget, as in accordance with my report of March 31, I find it necessary to have extra offices at the Gaol for the Assistant Superintendent in charge, as well as to complete certain building operations for isolating the Gaol block, which it is estimated will cost roughly Tls. 5,000. Tls. 5,000 may thus remain unexpended.

"In concluding this report, I cannot refrain from stating that the impossibility of endeavouring to maintain an efficient Police Force for the protection of half a million inhabitants and millions of taels worth of property, on insufficient funds, has been realized in the past. A certain minimum number of men is required efficiently to police this Settlement, these men have to be paid, trained, and clothed and if the Ratepayers require this work to be done efficiently and effectively, and there is little doubt that this is their wish, then they must be prepared to accept the inevitable result, which is an increased Budget. The concluding remarks of the Special Enquiry Committee's report are in this connexion worthy of repetition:—'Finally we would warn the Ratepayers that as the Settlement has outgrown its Police Force in the past so it may in the future, and unless they are prepared to maintain it at a strength commensurate with its duties, so, surely, will deterioration and disorganization recur.'"

The Health Officer briefly states that:—

"The working of the Health Department has, during my term of office, been conducted as economically as was consistent with efficiency. There are, therefore, no items of ordinary working expenditure desirable of curtailment. Under Stock and Stores, however, the purchase of another motor-car may be postponed for a year, although I am of opinion that, in consideration of time saved, this mode of locomotion is more economical than pony traction. Extraordinary expenditure has been cut down to the minimum, so that any further diminution cannot be recommended.

"Expenditure on Public Health is liable to sudden fluctuations but, under normal conditions, the estimates for 1908 are not likely to be exceeded."

The Engineer's report is as follows:—

"I have gone carefully into the question of the further reduction of the estimates, without detriment to the efficiency of the public service. The estimates of Ordinary Expenditure, which are mainly for Maintenance Works, are first submitted in draft by the Divisional Engineers. They are then gone thoroughly into by me and considerably reduced. They are then rigidly scrutinised by the Works and Finance Committees and cut down where considered advisable. Even after this the figures are generally further reduced.

"Under these circumstances there does not appear to be much possibility of making further reduction without affecting the efficiency of the work of the Department. It must be remembered that the Settlement is extending very rapidly and the great increase in the number of administrative buildings, bridges, bundings, road mileage, etc., etc., means increased expenditure on maintenance works. Shanghai is not a Municipality in the ordinary sense of the word, and the Council carries out a great many works (including extensive survey work) which would be done by Government elsewhere. All this, be it noted, on a rate (including the recent increase), which is considerably lower than most Municipalities carrying on work on ordinary lines. This is partly accounted for by the fact that the expenditure on the ordinary upkeep of the place has not been lavish, everything having been carried out in an unextravagant way, which is plainly not the case in a great many cities. Large sums of money have certainly been spent on 'Land and Buildings,' perhaps to the detriment of works which might have appealed more directly to the public, but the wants of a growing city are imperative and some of the work must stand over.

"There is no doubt that Shanghai is passing through a period of considerable depression, and as there appear to be indications that the revenue will suffer on account of the unusual number of empty houses, it might be politic to postpone as much work as possible. With this end in view I have made notes where work might be postponed. It should be clearly understood, however, that the work will have to be carried out at a later date.

"No reduction in Pay and Allowances can be made as most of the foreign staff are serving under three years' agreements. It should be noted that the present authorized strength is only just sufficient to keep pace with the work, no provision being made for sickness or home leave. I am of opinion, taking into consideration the extraordinary growth of the other Departments of the Council, which affects our work more than anything else, that we are not at all over-staffed, and this statement is open to the fullest investigation. Locomotion, I think, might be reduced considerably if satisfactory terms are arranged with the Tramway Company, in accordance with the Concession Agreement. As the Council is aware I have postponed making any report on the resent unsatisfactory methods of locomotion pending the settlement of this question. The cost of Printing and Stationery might be reduced if a yearly contract were made for all the Council's work. At present the Department's may be paying different prices for the same article. In fact I would go further and recommend the establishment of a Stationery Office on lines similar to those of large Municipalities at home. There is every prospect that the Upkeep and General Repairs to Buildings will be exceeded if very definite instructions are not given to the various Departments. The Repairs and Renewals to Bridges, Bundings, Jetties, etc., should not be postponed, as it means that the repairs would be more costly later on. Certain of the works under the heading Drainage and New Sewers might be deferred, but the cost of repairing the bridges will swallow up the same amount of money within four or five years. It is probable that the expenditure on iron gully and manhole covers may be reduced by Tls. 1,150. Renewing Street Gullies by Tls. 1,000. Very little excision can be recommended under the head Roads, as a great deal of work was postponed last year. Kerb and Channel might be reduced by Tls. 1,000. The Public Lighting Extensions might be postponed unless specially asked for. In any case the appropriation for new work is not large. The cost of Parks and Open Spaces has been cut down to the lowest possible point consistent with efficiency, and further reduction under this important head would appear to be inadvisable. There is very little to be said in regard to Extraordinary Expenditure. The work is mainly for the different Departments and a good deal of it is in progress. The expenditure on 'Roads' will require careful watching, but past experience has shown conclusively that it will be extremely difficult to keep it down without deferring work which in the best interests of the Ratepayers should be carried out. In any case the many miles of roadway recently acquired, should be raised and formed or they will be seriously encroached upon."

The result of the foregoing has been that the Council is unable to make any appreciable change in the Budget as originally submitted. The minor items of Police and Public Works Ordinary Expenditure may possibly under a process of rigid scrutiny show some diminution, but the work on drainage, bundings, buildings, and road construction, should in the Council's opinion proceed uninterruptedly.

Postponement of works such as are enumerated in the Budget for 1908 would, as past experience has shown, prove false economy, inasmuch as the compilation of succeeding Budgets would thereby be rendered impossible without recourse either to higher rates of taxation under the existing system, or to the seeking of new sources of revenue.

ORDINARY INCOME.		Estimate.		Receipts to March 31	
		Tls.	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.
LAND TAX.					
At 6/10ths of 1 per cent on assessed value of property, less 20 per cent			683,520		7,849.37
GENERAL MUNICIPAL RATE.					
FOREIGN.					
At 12 per cent on Tls. 3,900,000, being assessed rental of rateable Foreign houses					
At 6 per cent on Tls. 144,000, being the same beyond Settlement limits, under provision of the agreement of July 1, 1905, with the Shanghai Waterworks Co., Ltd.)		443,000		24,918.01	
NATIVE.					
At 10 per cent on \$8,200,000, being assessed rental of rateable Chinese houses at exchange 75 from January 1 to March 31					
At 12 per cent on \$8,200,000 being assessed rental of rateable Chinese houses at exchange 75 from April 1 to December 31		666,000			
At 5 per cent on \$216,000, being the same beyond Settlement limits as above at exchange 75 from January 1 to March 31			1,109,000		
At 6 per cent on \$216,000 as above at exchange 75 from April 1 to December 31				139,679.77	
WHARFAGE DUES.					164,597.78
Council's share of dues, as per tariff, on goods passed through the Custom House			175,000		38,529.32
LICENCE FEES.					
Foreign Hotel and Tavern	6,500			1,283.75	
Foreign Liquor Seller	18,500			4,603.02	
Restaurant	4,700			1,135.00	
Billiard and Bowling Saloon	700			173.50	
Native Lodging House	5,800			1,273.23	
Native Wine Shop	9,500			1,917.46	
Tea Shop	5,700			1,392.34	
Foreign Theatre	1,200			552.00	
Native Theatre	3,000			727.00	
Pawn Shop	17,500			4,654.48	
Opium Shop	4,000			1,054.31	
Opium House	58,000			14,483.62	
Cargo Boat	5,800			1,315.58	
Ferry and Passenger Boat	1,100			244.04	
Steam Launch	2,200			534.51	
Native Boat	3,800			942.49	
Sampan	1,600			417.28	
Private-owned Pony and Carriage	14,000			3,010.38	
Livery Stable	25,000			7,192.26	
Motor Car	2,100			444.22	
Cart	17,000			4,940.71	
Private-owned Ricsha	40,000			7,673.79	
Public Ricsha	95,000			27,620.29	
Sedan Chair	5,800			1,457.96	
Wheelbarrow	37,000			9,749.14	
Firearms	10,000				
Dog	800				
RENT OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTIES.			396,300	538.48	99,330.84
Markets	35,000			8,667.82	
Town Hall	1,000			86.95	
Firemen's Quarters	1,400			287.00	
Cadastral Lot 168 C to February 29	700			700.00	
CONTRIBUTIONS FROM PUBLIC COMPANIES.			38,100		9,741.77
Shanghai Gas Co., Ltd., Discount of 25% on the cost of public lighting		6,000			1,435.45
Shanghai Mutual Telephone Co., Ltd. Dividend of 8% on 1,000 shares from April 1, 1907, to December 31, 1908.		7,000			
Shanghai Electric Construction Co., Ltd., Royalty of 5% on gross receipts from Tramway Service		15,000			
			28,000		642.50
TOTAL OF ORDINARY INCOME			2,429,920		322,127.03

ORDINARY EXPENDITURE.

Estimate.

Expenditure
to March 31.**POLICE.**

	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.
Pay and Allowances.			51,641.98	
Pay Foreigners...	250,480			
Rent allowance ...	3,720		500.00	
Fuel and Light Allowance for Captain, Deputy and two Assistant Superintendents ...	1,320		270.00	
Language Allowance for proficiency in Chinese ...	15,000		3,440.57	
Allowance for Sergeants on duty at Mixed Court ...	900		225.00	
Pay Indians ...	90,915		16,771.06	
Language Allowance for proficiency in English and Chinese ...	2,000		255.36	
Drill, Traffic and Rent Allowances ...	3,500			
Deferred Pay ...	14,000		2,748.03	
Pay Chinese ...	92,232		18,137.00	
Allowance for increased rates of pay ...	10,000			
Allowance to men on traffic duty ...	120			
Pay Detectives—Foreigners ...	28,980		8,361.29	
Pay Chinese ...	11,880		3,112.23	
Merit allowance ...	240			
Pay Office Staff ...	13,930		3,324.44	
Superannuation ...	28,510		5,371.80	
Passages ...	30,000		9,972.95	
Medical aid.				
Pay of Indian Medical Assistant ...	720			
Medicines ...	4,500		2,635.69	
Hospital charges ...				
Uniform and equipment ...	45,000		12,332.58	
Funeral expenses ...	500			
Expenses of prisoners in station cells.				
Food ...	5,000		2,467.23	
Clothing ...	800		4.44	
Photographs ...	450		144.71	
Miscellaneous expenses ...	450		294.46	
Insurance ...	1,250		1,045.81	
Printing and Stationery ...	5,076		1,562.87	
Fuel ...	6,000		5,559.80	
Light ...	12,000		5,061.34	
Water ...	2,000		527.35	
Telephone service ...	1,800		491.61	
Expenses for catching stray dogs ...	1,205			
Less—Redemption fees ...	1,200	5		
Locomotion ...	4,100		150.20	
Patrol Ponies.			1,658.89	
Pay of Mafoos ...	1,000		285.87	
Fodder, Shoeing, Clipping, etc. ...	4,400		915.32	
Repairs to Saddlery ...	200		194.61	
Recruiting expenses in England and India ...	2,500		2,156.31	
Maintenance and Repairs.			166.15	
Furniture and Fittings ...	800			
Arms ...	200			
Gratuities and Rewards ...	1,000		385.73	
Musketry Course ...	900		18.50	
Miscellaneous expenses ...	8,000		1,045.84	
		706,378		163,241.02
Less.				
Mixed Court Fines ...	40,000		11,872.84	
Receipts for special services ...	20,000		6,577.63	
Proceeds from sale of unclaimed property ...	1,600			
		61,600		18,450.47
Carried forward		644,778		144,790.55

ORDINARY EXPENDITURE— <i>cont.</i>	Estimate.		Expenditure to March 31	
	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.
<i>Brought forward</i>		644,778		144,790.55
POLICE — <i>continued.</i>				
GAOL.				
Pay and Allowances.				
Foreigners.				
Pay	12,800		2,550.00	
Language Allowance for proficiency in Chinese ...	580		86.83	
Indians.				
Pay	11,095		2,689.98	
Rent Allowance			56.69	
Deferred Pay	1,815		409.89	
Chinese.				
Pay	1,155		395.99	
Superannuation	1,220		240.00	
Passages	675		" "	
Medical aid	950		333.23	
Uniform	2,200		246.20	
Insurance	380		362.98	
Printing and Stationery	400		111.02	
Fuel	3,000		966.71	
Light	1,650		477.61	
Water	500		104.00	
Food for Convicts	13,000		4,038.52	
Clothing for Convicts	5,000		865.05	
Locomotion	250		57.14	
Miscellaneous expenses	2,545		444.63	
	59,215			
Less--Profit on convict labour	12,000			
		47,215		14,436.47
STOCK AND STORES.				
Furniture for stations and quarters	10,000		7,450.93	
Lamps, whistles and truncheons	400		440.72	
100 Rifles	2,000			
Motor Car and accessories	3,500		3,124.09	
Remounts for Police patrol	1,000			
Miscellaneous	5,000		1,188.06	
		21,900		12,203.80
<i>Carried forward</i>		713,893		171,430.82

ORDINARY EXPENDITURE—cont.						Estimate.		Expenditure to March 31	
						Tls.	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.
<i>Brought forward</i>							713,893		171,430.82
HEALTH DEPARTMENT.									
HEALTH OFFICE									
Pay and Allowances.									
Foreigners						58,513		14,589.94	
Rent Allowance for Inspectors						1,440		135.00	
Fuel and Light Allowance for Health Officer and Assistant Health Officers... .. .						1,000		215.17	
Language Allowance for proficiency in Chinese						3,744		670.84	
Pay Chinese						44,000		9,578.98	
Superannuation						5,851		1,296.22	
Passages						1,500		1,520.24	
Uniform ... .. .						...		491.03	
Locomotion						2,500		1,108.30	
Fuel						7,700		639.72	
Light						2,000		424.53	
Printing, Stationery and Books						950		188.45	
Notification of Infectious Disease						250		212.00	
Laboratory Apparatus, Animals and Chemicals						3,000		295.50	
Disinfection						2,500		547.85	
Cleansing Apparatus						2,500		529.44	
House Refuse Removal						10,000		1,051.75	
Water						3,000		482.43	
Telephones						300		238.38	
Insurance						720		750.78	
Maintenance and Repairs						500		721.00	
Miscellaneous expenses						2,500		625.29	
						148,468		36,312.84	
<i>Less—Receipts from Laboratory products and Certificates</i>					9,000		(3,580.09)		
<i>Con ribution from French Municipal Council to Laboratory</i>					1,000				
<i>Slaughter House Fees</i>					17,000		(4,826.64)		
<i>Sale of Ordure</i>					54,000		(13,104.00)		
						81,000		21,510.73	
						67,468.00		14,802.11	
EXTRA-DEPARTMENTAL.									
Medical Attendance on Staff						6,000		2,018.11	
<i>Port Health Work—Contribution to maintenance of Customs Quarantine Station... .. .</i>						6,000		1,500.00	
<i>Grant to General Hospital</i>						4,000		1,000.00	
<i>" " Shantung Road Hospital</i>						2,000		500.00	
<i>" " St. Luke's Hospital</i>						2,000		500.00	
						20,000		5,518.11	
<i>Carried forward</i>						713,893		171,430.82	

ORDINARY EXPENDITURE— <i>cont.</i>		Estimate.		Expenditure to March 31	
		Tls.	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.
<i>Brought forward</i>			713,893		171,430.82
HEALTH DEPARTMENT — <i>continued.</i>					
HOSPITALS.					
Pay and Allowances.					
Pay Foreigners	21,424			4,934.37	
Language Allowance				36.00	
Special Duty Allowance	2,520				
Pay Chinese	3,800			1,152.46	
Superannuation	2,050			965.34	
Passages	4,000			1,141.95	
Uniform	1,200			477.53	
Fuel	3,000			1,896.90	
Light	3,250			1,355.54	
Drugs and Instruments	3,500			35.89	
Massing	12,000			4,269.36	
Water	300			103.00	
Telephones	250			232.92	
Insurance	800			721.12	
Maintenance and Repairs	1,000			42.83	
Printing and Stationery				196.21	
Expenses of Engaging Staff				229.04	
Miscellaneous expenses	3,000			766.81	
	62,094			18,557.27	
<i>Less</i> —Receipts from Victoria Nursing Home ...	19,000	(7,461.16)			
Receipts from Isolation Hospitals ...	8,000	(2,205.72)			
Receipts from Sanatorium ...		(160.22)			
Contribution from French Municipal Council	600				
	27,600			9,827.10	
	34,494			8,730.17	
CEMETERIES, CREMATORIUM AND PUBLIC MORTUARY.					
Pay of Sexton	2,850			1,440.00	
Pay of Chinese Staff	3,000			685.09	
Language Allowance	392			72.00	
Superannuation	285			133.50	
Passages				579.60	
Grave Contractor, etc.	2,500			634.03	
Fuel	1,000			64.83	
Plants, etc.	1,000			337.09	
Insurance	80			48.60	
Miscellaneous expenses	1,000			65.72	
	12,107			4,060.46	
<i>Less</i> —Fees for Cremation	1,500	(410.00)			
„ Grave making	3,000	(1,018.20)			
„ Grave spaces	2,500	(555.00)			
„ Reservation	500	(100.00)			
	7,500			2,083.20	
	4,607			1,977.26	
SWIMMING BATH.					
Allowance of Assistant Inspector	180				
Pay of Chinese Staff	600			37.70	
Light	200			8.30	
Water	1,250				
Miscellaneous expenses	500			50.40	
	2,730			96.40	
<i>Less</i> —Receipts from bathers	1,000				
	1,730				
STOCK AND STORES.					
Furniture, including that of Indian Police Hospital ...	5,000			4,102.22	
Motor Car	2,500				
House-boat for Mokanshan Sanatorium	1,250			350.00	
Miscellaneous				734.10	
	8,750			5,185.32	
		137,049			36,309.37
<i>Carried forward</i>		850,942			207,740.19

ORDINARY EXPENDITURE.— <i>cont.</i>		Estimate.		Expenditure to March 31.	
		Tls.	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.
<i>Brought forward</i>			850,942		207,740.19
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.					
GENERAL.					
Pay and Allowances.					
Foreigners.		88,005		26,401.83	
Boiler Inspector (moiety)		480		130.32	
Rent Allowance		1,380		225.00	
Fuel and Light Allowance for Engineer and Assistant					
Engineer		720		180.00	
Language allowance for proficiency in Chinese ...		576		150.04	
Chinese.					
Pay... ..		8,830		2,461.23	
		99,991		29,548.42	
Superannuation		8,200		2,217.08	
Passages		4,675		2,842.39	
Locomotion		6,300		1,631.83	
Fuel and Light		480		164.58	
Telephone service		500		235.00	
Printing and Stationery... ..		3,000		809.16	
Insurance		130		113.73	
Miscellaneous expenses		3,000		577.82	
		126,276		38,140.01	
<i>Less.</i> —Building Permit fees 4,500			(582.50)		
Private Works Supervision fees ... 3,000			(1,155.46)		
Miscellaneous Permit fees 5,500			(1,517.64)		
		13,000		3,255.60	
		113,276		34,884.41	
BUILDINGS.					
Upkeep and General Repairs to :—					
Town Hall		800		757.44	
Police Stations		8,000		1,344.20	
Health Department buildings		10,950		1,250.69	
Other Municipal buildings... ..		10,000		1,154.08	
		29,750		4,506.41	
CREEKS AND RIVER.					
Repairs and Renewals to :—					
Bridges... ..		13,400		4,810.20	
Bundings		14,500		80.70	
Jetties and Pontoons		7,000		1,082.33	
Working expenses of steam dredger		3,500		404.44	
Cleaning, etc., main lines of creeks		6,000		1,177.93	
		44,400		7,555.60	
<i>Carried forward</i>			850,942		207,740.19

ORDINARY EXPENDITURE—cont.		Estimate.		Expenditure to March 13.	
		Tls.	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.
<i>Brought forward</i>			850,942		207,740.19
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT—continued.					
DRAINAGE.					
Constructing new sewers in the following roads:—					
Chihli Road, from Nanking Road to Ningpo Road ...	770				
Koo Ka Loong, from Peking Road to Ningpo Road	400				
Woo Foo Loong, from Bun Tong Loong to Tientsin Road ...	250				
North Chekiang Road, from Haining Road to Boundary Road ...	6,000				
North Honan Road, from North Soochow Road to Range Road ...	24,000				
North Szechuen Road, south of the Yukingpu ...	4,400				
Less—Contribution from Shanghai Land Investment Co. Ltd....	500				
	3,900			102.13	
Gordon Road, north of Markham Road, culvert to replace bridge ...	571				
Markham Road, east of Gordon Road, 2 culverts to replace bridges ...	1,142				
Sinza Road from Carter Road to Medhurst Road ...	3,400				
Jessfield Road, reconstructing culvert near Settlement boundary ...	660				
Jessfield Road, reconstructing culvert near Edna Villas	480				
Jessfield Road, 2 reinforced concrete culverts to replace bridges...	2,450				
Robison Road, 2 culverts to replace bridges ...	1,142				
„ culvert near Jessfield Road ...	1,225				
„ to 250 feet east of Jessfield Road ...	588				
Siccawei Road, between Great Western Road and northern boundary of Cadastral Lot 2590 ...	3,000			495.18	
Siccawei Road, reconstructing culvert ...	470				
Iron gully and manhole covers ...	2,500			478.77	
Repairing and cleaning drains ...	7,000			1,098.40	
Renewing street gullies... ..	2,500				
	62,448				
Less—Profit on Concreteware Manufactory... ..	5,000				
	57,448			2,174.48	
ROADS.					
Pay and Allowances.					
Foreigners	22,710			5,162.83	
Rent Allowance	720			300.00	
Language Allowance for proficiency in Chinese	192			36.00	
Chinese.					
Metalling Labour	45,000			16,330.39	
Cleansing Labour	24,000			5,853.53	
Mafoos... ..	8,500			1,847.19	
Steam Roller Staff... ..	1,750			424.83	
	102,872				
Superannuation	1,794			381.00	
Passages				29.32	
Uniform	900			358.55	
Locomotion	1,450			349.99	
Granite chips, sand and broken bricks	67,500			20,299.18	
Kerb and channel	5,000			184.51	
Chip-pavements and chip-paved margins	6,250			874.17	
Street pavements	10,000			734.83	
Wood paving	400				
Granite sett edging	300				
Tools, renewals and repairs... ..	7,500			3,495.64	
<i>Carried forward</i>	203,966	850,942	56,661.96	207,740.49	

ORDINARY EXPENDITURE—cont.		Estimate.		Expenditure to March 31	
		Tls.	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.
	<i>Bought forward</i>	203,966	850,942	56,661.96	207,740.19
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT—continued.					
<i>ROADS—Continued.</i>					
Boundary stones	200		82		
Street name-plates	1,100				
Working expenses of steam-rollers	3,500		432.87		
Chinese Government Land Tax	300		266.67		
Maintenance of carts and harness	5,500		666.99		
Insurance	1,070		1,069.74		
Water	9,000		333.02		
Stud—					
Metalling	8,500		1,136.20		
Cleansing	25,000		4,403.00		
Barging away road detritus	2,750		448.04		
Raking and repairing mud roads	2,500		421.53		
Repairs to Foochow pole railings	1,700				
Miscellaneous expenses	1,500		220.86		
	266,586		66,061.70		
<i>LIGHTING.</i>					
Electricity.					
235 arc lamps	41,413		11,669.09		
84 incandescent lamps	5,150				
Extensions	5,000	51,563	457.89		
Gas.					
771 Lamps	23,706		5,700.55		
Extensions	5,000	28,706	40.74		
Oil.					
For outlying districts	1,050		250.52		
	81,319		18,118.79		
<i>PARKS AND OPEN SPACES.</i>					
Pay—Foreigners.					
Superintendent	3,000		750.00		
Assistant Superintendent	1,800		450.00		
Park-keeper	780		180.00		
1 Indian Police watchman	270		33.30		
Chinese.					
Writer	150		1,104.37		
One Chinese Policeman	135				
9 Foremen	1,020				
31 Gardeners	2,644				
4 Boys	145				
2 Mafoos	145				
1 Motor lawn mower driver	126				
1 Cook	70				
1 Amah (6 months)	41				
Labour	9,000		2,211.40		
Superannuation	480		120.00		
Chinese Government Land Tax	400		782.39		
Fuel	500		270.00		
Lighting Gardens	900		214.44		
Motor lawn mower, gasoline, repairs, etc.	435				
Water	900		497.30		
Locomotion	1,150		110.30		
Tools, repairs and renewals	800		41.58		
Repainting hot-houses, seats, etc.	2,150				
Trees, shrubs, seeds and turf	2,350		351.15		
	29,391	850,942	7,116.23		207,740.19
<i>Carried forward</i>					

ORDINARY EXPENDITURE— <i>cont.</i>		Estimate.		Expenditure to March 31	
		Tls.	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.
<i>Brought forward</i>		29,391	850,942	7,116.23	207,740.19
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.—<i>Continued.</i>					
PARKS AND OPEN SPACES.—<i>Continued.</i>					
Mud, sand and gravel	550		94.25		
Poles and tree fastenings	2,700		304.73		
Insurance	200		180.00		
Miscellaneous expenses	2,300		393.74		
	35,141		8,088.95		
<i>Less</i>					
Receipts for hire of plants	600		178.34		
	34,541		7,910.61		
STOCK AND STORES.					
2 Motor Cars and accessories	5,000				
Shafts and wheels for carts	700		838.85		
Sweeping Machine brushes	900		1,030.61		
Steam roller wheels	2,700		2,359.10		
Surveying instruments	500		984.40		
1 Carriage	650				
	10,450		5,212.96		
		637,770		146,424.96	
SECRETARIAT.					
Pay and Allowances.					
Foreigners	81,390		18,841.09		
Rent Allowance for Assistant Secretaries	900				
Fuel and Light Allowance for Secretary and Assistant Secretaries	1,080				
Language Allowance for proficiency in Chinese	864				
Chinese	22,866		5,999.01		
Superannuation	7,866		1,820.46		
Reporter's retainer	600				
Passages	1,200		1,142.62		
Medical aid	450		34.00		
Uniform	1,070				
Locomotion	4,358		993.66		
Fuel and Light	920		550.05		
Insurance	110		114.75		
Printing and Stationery	15,000		6,831.92		
Miscellaneous expenses	2,500		704.21		
Stock and Stores	2,000		425.13		
	143,174		37,456.90		
<i>Less—Charged to industrial undertakings</i>	3,000		450.00		
		140,174		37,006.90	
<i>Carried forward</i>		1,628,886		391,172.05	

ORDINARY EXPENDITURE— <i>cont.</i>		Estimate	Expenditure to March 31	
		Tls.	Tls.	Tls.
<i>Brought forward</i>			1,628,886	391,172.05
VOLUNTEERS.				
Pay and Allowances				
Foreigners.	9,240		2,310.00	
Fuel and Light Allowance for Commandant...	360		90.00	
Chinese.				
Town Hall, Riding School and Orderly Room Staff ...	1,672		443.62	
Range Staff	1,770		343.90	
Uniform	5,000		2,752.33	
Accoutrements	3,000		294.33	
Fuel and Light	640		616.60	
Printing and Stationery	1,500		274.41	
Locomotion	1,500		302.73	
Telephones	302		172.45	
Band	325			
Maintenance of Range 1,200				
<i>Less</i> —Proceeds from sale of cartridge cases, lead, etc. 850	350		Cr. 81.17	
Camp of Exercise	1,500		27.61	
Subscription to N.R.A.	75		87.53	
Ammunition				
Repairs to rifles and equipment... ..			912.10	
Insurance			606.44	
Miscellaneous expenses	2,500		768.46	
STOCK AND STORES				
250 Rifles	8,440			
6 L.S.A. Miniature Rifles	114		126.22	
Breeching-up tools	108		128.32	
Ponies for Artillery... ..	1,500		111.32	
<i>Miscellaneous</i>				
		46,896		0,287 20
PUBLIC BAND.				
Pay and Allowances.				
Europeans.	17,700		4,365.00	
Manilamen.	18,000		4,941.21	
Librarian and coolies	300		79.35	
Rent Allowance	2,640		1,325.25	
Superannuation	3,725		931.60	
Passages	1,000			
Locomotion	1,080		339.59	
Fuel and Light	500		252.30	
Repairs to instruments, etc.	300		26.17	
New Music	600		56.51	
Medical aid	200		5.00	
Uniform	1,200			
Printing, Stationery, Advertising, etc.	1,000		37.83	
Miscellaneous expenses	555		34.06	
<i>Less</i> —Contribution from French Municipal Council 1,500	48,800		12,393.87	
Council's share of receipts for private service 5,000	6,500		1,524.45	
		42,300		10,869.42
<i>Brought forward</i>		1,718,082		412,328.67

ORDINARY EXPENDITURE—cont.		Estimate.	Expenditure to March 31	
		Tls.	Tls.	Tls.
<i>Brought forward</i>		1,718,082		412,328.67
FIRE BRIGADE.				
Pay.				
Secretary (3 months)	150	}	3,702.70	
Departmental Engineer... ..	3,280			
Watchmen at Bell Towers... ..	3,750			
Native Staff at Workshop	3,000			
Engineers, Firemen, Chauffeurs, etc.	4,500			
Coolie Corps	650			
Superannuation	330		130.50	
Company Cups	230		229.88	
Stud.				
Pay of Mafoos and Fodder	5,500		1,204.87	
Shoeing, Clipping, etc.... ..	300			
Veterinary Surgeon's Fees... ..	400			
Repairs to Harness	300			
Hose Renewals	6,500		Cr. 89.42	
Fuel and Light	4,000		382.12	
Uniform	3,000		127.80	
Materials for workshop	2,400			
Repairs to Plant... ..	2,000		54.77	
Telephones and Fire Alarms... ..	2,600			
Locomotion	800		126.45	
Water	1,500			
Refreshments for Firemen at Fires	600		6.66	
Printing and Stationery	200		4.47	
Insurance	200		173.96	
Medical aid	200			
Miscellaneous expenses	250		217.79	
STOCK AND STORES.				
Horses and Ponies	2,500			
Hook and Ladder Truck... ..	1,750			
Motor Car	2,500			
6 New Gongs	900			
	54,290		6,272.55	
<i>Less.</i> —Receipts from Blacksmith labour ... 6,000			}	2,875.93
Receipts from services of Fire Float ... 1,000				
Contribution from French Municipal Council 2,500	9,500			
		44,790		3,396.62
<i>Brought forward</i>		1,762,872		415,725.29

ORDINARY EXPENDITURE—cont.		Estimate.		Expenditure to March 31.	
		Tls.	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.
<i>Brought forward</i>			1,762,872.		415,725.29
EDUCATIONAL GRANTS.					
PUBLIC SCHOOL.					
Pay and Allowances.					
Headmaster	4,200		} 6,384.65		
3 Assistant Masters	6,600				
1 Assistant (for 6 months)	900				
11 Assistant Mistresses	15,540				
Chinese Staff	600			89.67	
Rent Allowance for Headmaster	540			135.00	
Fuel and Light Allowance	360			90.00	
Superannuation	2,600			612.50	
Passages	1,300				
Printing and Stationery	900			343.32	
Fuel and Light	400			88.87	
Laboratory	100			.26	
Text book	10			53.81	
Insurance	150			153.00	
Grant in aid of Library	200				
Expenses of Evening classes	200				
Miscellaneous expenses	900			181.41	
	35,500			8,132.49	
<i>Less—School fees</i>	<i>24,000</i>			<i>6,245.37</i>	
		11,500			1,887.12
PUBLIC SCHOOL FOR CHINESE.					
Pay and Allowances					
Headmaster	3,000			750.00	
2 Assistant Masters	3,000			750.00	
12 Chinese Teachers	6,480			1,586.13	
Writer, Coolies and Watchman	820			195.42	
Fuel and Light Allowance	360			90.00	
Superannuation	600			150.00	
Printing and Stationery	500			578.30	
Fuel and Light	140			28.21	
Text books	100			263.50	Cr.
Insurance	125			121.50	
Miscellaneous expenses	400			221.16	
	15,525			4,207.22	
<i>Less—School fees</i>	<i>7,325</i>			<i>4,533.27</i>	
		8,200			Cr. 326.05
THOMAS HANBURY SCHOOL		1,500			375.00
FRENCH ORPHANAGE		1,000			250.00
ST. XAVIER'S SCHOOL		1,500			1,500.00
SHANGHAI JEWISH SCHOOL		500			125.00
FLORENCE CRITTENTON RESCUE HOME		2,000			500.00
REFUGE FOR CHINESE SLAVE CHILDREN		1,000			250.00
SHANGHAI LIBRARY		1,000			250.00
SHANGHAI MUSEUM		500			125.00
		1,791,572.			420,661.36
<i>Carried forward</i>					

ORDINARY EXPENDITURE—cont.	Estimate.		Expenditure to March 31	
	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.
<i>Brought forward ...</i>		1,791,572		420,661.36
GENERAL CHARGES.				
Legal expenses	3,500		841.00	
Audit fee—£200	1,400		399.17	
Semaphore Service	2,000			
Pew-rents and relief of poor	500			
Rice Money	10,000		7,587.60	
Land Assessment.				
Assessor's fees	10,000		10,000.00	
Compilation of plans and printing schedules ...	1,500		10.00	
Rent of Municipal properties.				
Public Recreation Ground	600		150.00	
Police Stations—				
Bubbling Well	560		280.00	
Harbin Road	1,200		600.00	
Police Quarters—				
No. 8a Kiukiang Road	1,680		560.00	
No. 8 Seward Road	1,200		300.00	
No. 12 Ward Road	600		200.00	
No. 5 Yu Yuen Road	1,080		360.00	
No. 79/80 Bubbling Well Road	2,472		1,000.84	
Hanbury Road Fire Station	300		150.00	
Depôts—				
Soochow Road	360		180.00	
Jessfield Road	5		500	
Yangtsepoo	250		126.75	
No. 53 Dent Lane	72		18.70	
No. 848 Park Road	90		51.25	
		39,369		22,820.31
INTEREST.				
On General Loans and Special Loan	83,552		1,173.71	
On Savings Bank, Security Deposits, etc.	30,285		6,121.84	
	113,837		7,295.55	
<i>Less—Trust Funds, Investment Account</i>	22,458		271.68	
		91,379		7,023.87
REDEMPTION OF DEBENTURES.				
Repayment of proportionate amount of debentures outstanding		119,549		
TOTAL OF ORDINARY EXPENDITURE		2,041,869		450,505.54

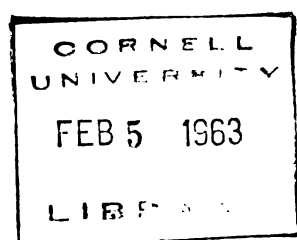
EXTRAORDINARY INCOME.	Estimate.	Receipts to March 31.
	Tls.	Tls.
Estimated Surplus on Ordinary Budget	388,051.00	
Amount raised by debentures... ..	400,000.00	140,300.00
Half cost of 2 passenger pontoons and jetties north of the Customs pontoons, receivable from Imperial Maritime Customs	25,000.00	
Deficit carried forward	14,442.38	
	827,493.38	

EXTRAORDINARY EXPENDITURE.		Estimate	Expen- diture to March 31
		Tls.	Tls.
DEFICIT FROM 1907		201,513.38	2 1,513.38
Bridges.			
Garden Bridge, exclusive of steelwork ; balance of cost		11,760	7,187.48
Chekiang Road Bridge, exclusive of steelwork ; balance of cost		8,300	6,883.90
Bund Bridge over Yangkingpang, one-fourth of cost		19,500	
Bundings.			
Soochow Creek, in concrete :—			
From Chapoo Road Bridge to Chinese Garden : balance of cost		700	194.10
From Garden Bridge to Woosung Road, balance of cost		7,000	3,796.89
Reserve Garden, west of Garden Bridge		2,100	324.03
From Fokien Road to Cadastral lot 298		5,000	
North Soochow Road, on each side of Chekiang Road Bridge		14,500	735.23
Hongkew Creek, in hardward :—			
From East Scott Road to S.W. corner of Cadastral lot 320		5,000	
Drainage.			
Great Western Road, culvert from Defence Creek to Mohawk Road, half cost		16,750	
Manila Road, Sewer from Mohawk Road to Great Western Road, half cost...		11,250	
Landing Stages.			
Half cost of 2 passenger pontoons and jetties north of the Customs pontoons, balance of cost		11,850	8,514.93
Garbage shoot, Soochow Creek, at Wenchow Road		1,000	
Jetty on the Yangtszepoo Creek, at Lay Road		900	
Land.			
Eastern Police Depôt, balance of cost		17,640	12,522.00
Western Police Depôt extension		3,400	747.89
Wayside Police-station extension		510	
Sinza Market		25,000	25,153.85
Bubbling Well Cemetery extension		10,000	27.17
Victoria Nursing Home extension			
Isolation Hospital extension			
Latrine sites		2,000	
Surplus Land Bubbling Well Road B.C. lot 5422			455.40
" Rangoon Road			1,280.40
Buildings.			
Police.			
Central Station, remodelling store and other alterations		1,400	285.00
Louza Station, shed		320	37.80
Hongkew Station, Additional Building, Indian Kitchen and Beggars' Cells		27,600	51.76
West Hongkew Station, Additional Buildings and Wall, balance of cost		10,100	122.08
Wayside Station, Additional Building and Alterations		24,500	
Gaol, Quarters, Godown and Alterations to Wall, balance of cost		2,100	
" Raising Extension, Wall and Towers, balance of cost		17,000	1,705.03
" Bath-house, Kitchen Extension and Boilers		7,000	
" Additional Workshop, 20,000		20,000	
" Additional Indian Warders' Quarters, 21,000, } portion of cost			
Yangtszepoo Station, Drying-room		1,300	
Sinza Station, Cells, Store and other Alterations		7,800	276.45
Western Depôt, Indian and Chinese Quarters, balance of cost		13,500	7,691.82
" " Foreign Quarters, Store, etc.		53,000	1,517.54
Carried forward		561,293.38	281,024.13

EXTRAORDINARY EXPENDITURE— <i>cont.</i>		Estimate.	Expenditure to March 31
		Tls.	Tls.
<i>Brought forward</i>		516,293.38	281,024.13
Buildings—cont.			
Public Health.			
Bubbling Well Cemetery, buildings and wall	...	20,200	
Swimming Bath, alterations and additions	...	2,700	
Soldiers' Cemetery, Wall, and Lodge, and laying out, balance of cost	...	1,100	55.00
Victoria Nursing Home, raising extension	...	500	89.00
New Latrines	...	2,000	93.88
Fire Brigade.			
Sinza Fire Station, half cost	...	12,500	
Miscellaneous.			
Council Room alterations	...	2,200	
Steam roller shed and Overseer's office, Northern District	...	1,600	
Parks and Open Spaces.			
Hongkew Recreation Ground, Repayment of balance of Special Loan from Recreation Fund Trustees	...	30,000	20,000.00
Hongkew Recreation Ground, raising and laying out a portion	...	9,000	54.84
Reserve Garden, re-building boundary wall	...	3,000	
Brenan Piece, Laying out	...	1,400	40.20
Roads.			
Acquiring land for new roads and for widening and extending roads	...	120,000	15,838.24
Making up and metalling ditto	...	60,000	6,637.92
		827,493.38	323,833.21

J. A. POND,

Accountant.



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SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 1908.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, June 3, 1908, at 4.30 p.m., there are present :

Messrs. D. Landale (*Chairman*)

A. W. Burkill

W. D. Little

R. S. F. McBain

J. H. McMichael

O. Meuser

W. A. C. Platt

J. Prentice

The Secretary and

Assistant Secretary.

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Police.

Traffic Islands.—A complaint by the Chief Engineer of the Fire Brigade is submitted in reference to the hindrance which these islands constitute from the point of view of fire service. A Police report on the subject is also read, and, upon the recommendation of the Watch Committee, it is decided that the island in the Honan Road north of the Maloo shall be removed. The thoroughfare in question is considered too narrow for such treatment, while, in regard to the remaining islands, the Council considers that their utility for the direction of traffic, and for the provision of pedestrian facilities, outweighs any inconvenience they may cause to the Brigade.

Chinese [Proclamations.

Morphia Injection.—A note from the Senior Consul acknowledges the receipt of the Council's letter of the preceding day, published with the minutes of the last meeting, but forwards nine copies of the Taotai's proclamation to be posted in the Settlement.

The passages advocating anti-opium medicines, the use of which was rightly denounced in a previous proclamation, have not been deleted.

Mixed Court.

The following interchange of letters on the subject of an arson case which originally arose in June 1907, is ordered for publication :—

Council Room,
Shanghai, June 2, 1908.

SIR,—I have observed an announcement of the approaching retirement of Dr. Barchet from the position of Assessor at the Mixed Court and I have therefore the honour to allude to a case which has been on the Police file since June of last year in the hope that means may be found for its settlement before his official resignation takes effect.

The enclosed precis, which has been compiled from the Mixed Court returns, shows that two men, against whom so serious a charge was proved that the Court was unable to inflict sufficient punishment, after being sent into the City and thence liberated, have been re-arrested, and are now held by the Police with their exact sentence uncertain.

It appears to the Council probable that when the facts come to your notice you will bring the case to an early issue.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

DAVID LANDALE,

Chairman.

C. DENBY, Esq.,

American Consul-General.

Shanghai, June 3, 1908.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday, suggesting that the case of the S. M. P. v. Tsa Bing-woo and Sze Ah-jeang, which has been on the Police files since June 1907, be brought to a conclusion before Dr. Barchet's resignation as American Assessor at the Mixed Court takes effect, and to inform you that while this is impossible, I have instructed the American Assessor to urge an early settlement of the case.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. DENBY,

Consul-General.

DAVID LANDALE, Esq.,

Chairman, Municipal Council.

Woochang Road Jetty.

The negotiations with the Nippon Yusen Kaisha for the transfer of this jetty, to which allusion was made in the Municipal Gazette of March 19, have been continued, with the result that the Company's suggestion to re-erect the public jetty at the termination of the Tsingpoo Road appears in the light of a project to which all opposition has been withdrawn. It is decided to publish the further correspondence which has taken place, and, unless adequate reason against is adduced within one week, the Council will continue the negotiations for transfer :—

Shanghai, April 30, 1908.

SIR,—Seeing that our former application for the removal of the Woochang Road Jetty from its present position to the end of the proposed Tiendong Road

Extension, is still under consideration of your Council on account of the uncertainty of the depth of water obtainable at the proposed site of the jetty and also on account of the objection from the landowners and others in the neighbourhood, we now beg to make an application as an alternative plan for the removal of the jetty to the end of the Tsingpoo Road, as shown on the accompanying rough plan.

We propose moving our lower pontoon 100-ft. and upper one 150-ft. up river and thus it will give a clear entrance for cargo-boats, etc., to the new jetty. The jetty is 60-ft. in length and from its upper end to the first bridge of our lower pontoon there will be an open space of 120-ft., which will be, we believe, more than sufficient for cargo-boats to lie whilst waiting to discharge or take cargo in. Moreover the public will be allowed same facilities for landing or shipping cargo on or from our pontoons as heretofore.

In putting forward this alternative scheme, we are of opinion that it will give increased accommodation to the public and no objection will come forward, as the jetty will be nearer to the godowns east of the Hongkew Creek, for and from which most of the cargo is landed or shipped at this jetty.

We shall therefore feel obliged if you will kindly consider this alternative application together with the former one.

We are, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA,

YOMEJIROH ITO,

Manager.

The SECRETARY,

Municipal Council.

Shanghai, May 7, 1908.

SIR,—Referring to our alternative application of April 30 for removal of the Woochang Road Jetty to the end of the Tsingpoo Road, we beg to inform you that we have been making inquiries of local experts as to the feasibility of the proposed new site of the jetty and they are of opinion that not only would there be no difficulties in discharging or loading cargo, but that the facilities would be increased and even the largest lighters could safely go alongside the jetty.

We are, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA,

YOMEJIROH ITO,

Manager.

The SECRETARY,

Municipal Council.

Shanghai, May 15, 1908.

SIR,—Having seen the firms who protested against the removal of the Woochang Road Jetty to the end of the proposed Tiendong Road extension, we now beg to enclose a document jointly signed by them, agreeing to the alternative plan of the removal of the jetty to the end of the Tsingpoo Road.

We are, Sir,
Yours faithfully,
NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA,
S. FUKANO,
Assistant Manager.

The SECRETARY,
Municipal Council.

We, the undersigned, signatories of the letter of protest to the Municipal Council dated March 3, 1908, are of opinion that the alternative plan (as per sketch attached) to remove this jetty to the end of the Tsingpoo Road would not be prejudicial to the public interest, always provided that all the rights acquired by the public over the Nippon Yusen Kaisha pontoons as per the letter from the Municipal Council to the Nippon Yusen Kaisha dated April 22, 1891, are not interfered with.

WARD, PROBST & Co.
BRUNNER, MOND & Co. LD.,
EDWARD S. LITTLE,
General Manager for China.

ERBEKE.
CAWASJEE PALLANJEE & Co.
E. PARANEY.
DAVID, SASSOON & Co., LD.
A. E. MOSES,
Manager.
TRADING Co. Late VAN LAER & Co.
J. L. VAN LAER.
S. DAVID & Co.
CHINA & JAVA EXPORT Co.,
CHAS. STÜRMANN,
General Manager.

E. D. SASSOON & Co.
HOLLAND-CHINA HANDELS COMPAGNIE
F. B. S'JACOB.

Shanghai, May 20, 1908.

SIR,—On our alternative plan accompanied by our letter of April 30, we did not show the position of dolphins, so we now beg to enclose a small plan showing their position in case the public jetty is shifted to the end of the Tsingpoo Road. The plan will also show you that the jetty will be shifted a little further up so as to clear Heards' Wharf dolphin.

We are, Sir,
Yours faithfully,
NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA,
YOMEJIROH ITO,
Manager.

The SECRETARY,
Municipal Council.

Council Room,

Shanghai, May 25, 1908.

SIR,—With reference to the question of the transfer of the Woochang Road Jetty to a new position, and to recent interviews with your representative, I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of April 30 and May 15 and 20, containing the alternative proposal that the jetty be re-erected at the termination of the Tsingpoo Road.

I am in the first place to inquire—

(i) Whether, under the proposed arrangement, you are prepared to renew the permission to make use of your pontoons for landing and embarking cargo without charge, granted to the public in 1891, at the time they were permitted to be moored in their present position.

(ii) Whether it may be possible to increase the distance which you propose to remove your lower pontoon, from 100-ft. to 150-ft.

(iii) Whether you are prepared to undertake that no steamer shall at any time overlap the eastern end of your pontoon in its new position, to the detriment of the access to the public pontoon.

I am Sir,
Your obedient servant,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

The MANAGER,
Nippon Yusen Kaisha.

Shanghai, May 28, 1908.

SIR,—We beg to acknowledge the receipt of your favour of May 25 and in reply beg to state as follows:

(i).—We are pleased to allow the public to make use of our pontoons without charge in the same way as it has been allowed to the public since 1891.

(ii).—We are quite willing to undertake that our steamers will in no case overlap the eastern end of our lower pontoon in its new position.

(iii).—With regard to this wherein you ask if it is possible to remove the lower pontoon 150-ft. in place of 100-ft., we have carefully considered the matter and find that it is impossible to shift it further up. In putting forward our alternative proposal we have had in view two points; viz., (1) that the public facilities should be equal to what they are now, if not be superior to and (2) that we acquire the necessary addition to our own frontage. The result of our careful investigation with these points in view was that we have to shift our lower pontoon 100-ft. up river. This we are assured by experts, will give the public traffic an ample space to and from the proposed site of the jetty. However, in order to give further convenience to the public, we are now prepared to shift the eastern bridge of the lower pontoon 50-ft. from its end and to do away with the strut at the end, thus giving a clear space of 100-ft. from the western end of the jetty for cargo-boats whilst discharging or taking cargo.

Hoping the above will meet with the approval of the Municipal Council.

We are, Sir,
Yours faithfully,
NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA,
YOMEJIROH ITO,
Manager.

The SECRETARY,
Municipal Council.

Shanghai, June 1, 1908.

SIR,—In continuation of our letter of May 28 we beg to say that we omitted to mention one point therein

and as this point is greatly in the interests of the public we beg to call your attention to it, i.e., that when our upper pontoon is placed in its new position whether the steamers are alongside or not, the western end of it will always be open for cargo-boats to lie and discharge cargo the same as they do from the present public jetty, and as our pontoon is wider by 10-ft. there will be more room. At the present time the end of this pontoon cannot be used for such purpose as a clear space has to be kept between it and the public jetty to allow boats to pass it.

We are, Sir,
Yours faithfully,
NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA,
YOMEJIROH ITO,
Manager.

The SECRETARY,
Municipal Council.

Tramways.

Leakage of Current.—The following correspondence relative to the effect of leakage of current, as affecting the interests of the Gas and Water Companies, is ordered for inclusion in the minutes:—

Shanghai, March 6, 1908.

DEAR SIR,—As the tram cars have now started to run, I shall be glad to know at your early convenience if the conditions contained in Schedule A, paragraphs No. 6 section (1) and No. 7, of the Council's agreement with the Shanghai Electric Construction Co., have been complied with and passed by the Council's Electrical Engineer.

As you are aware from our former correspondence, unless these conditions are strictly adhered to, serious damage may be caused to this Company's water mains.

I am, Dear Sir,
Your obedient servant,
ARTHUR P. WOOD,
Secretary & Engineer-in-Chief.
W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,
Secretary, Municipal Council.

Shanghai, May 27, 1908.

DEAR SIR,—On examination, I find that section (1) of paragraph 6 in Schedule A of Messrs. Bruce, Peebles & Co.'s agreement with the Council is not being carried out. A considerable amount more than 5 per cent of the total output of current is returning through the earth.

This current is very liable to damage our pipes, I must therefore ask you to insist on the matter being rectified as soon as possible, under the terms of the Council's agreement of October 10, 1905, with Messrs. Bruce, Peebles & Co. In the event of the current returning through the earth not being reduced to 5 per cent of the output in a reasonable time, the trams on the section at fault should be stopped running until the fault is put right.

Yours faithfully,
ARTHUR P. WOOD,
Secretary & Engineer-in-Chief.
W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,
Secretary, Municipal Council.

Council Room,
Shanghai, June 1, 1908.

SIR,—Since receipt of your letter of March 6, which with those of March 30 and May 27, I have for acknowledgement, the question of the excess electrical current passing from the tramway rails through the ground to the generators has had the careful and continuous attention of the Council.

The Council, under agreement with the Tramway Company, undertook to provide a negative booster at the Electricity Works with a view to the reduction of leakage, and, until this device was installed and in working, it was not considered advisable to take any definite action in the matter.

I am now, however, in a position to state that the leakage earth return current has been reduced below the stipulated 5 per cent, that the booster is working satisfactorily, and that the necessary protection of your Company's pipes is thus being afforded.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

A. P. Wood, Esq.,
Secretary and Engineer-in-Chief,
Shanghai Waterworks Co., Ltd.

Shanghai, June 2, 1908.

DEAR SIR,—I beg to thank you for your letter of the 1st instant, stating that since the negative boosters have been working the current returning through the earth has been reduced below the stipulated 5 per cent.

In case of any damage to our pipes from electrolysis showing itself in the future I beg to call your attention to the fact that the tram cars have been allowed to run for some time with the amount of current returning through earth considerably over 5 per cent of the total output and that I wrote you on the subject as early as March 6.

Yours faithfully,
ARTHUR P. WOOD,
Secretary & Engineer-in-Chief.
W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,
Secretary, Municipal Council.

Tenders.

The following are authorized for acceptance:—

Repairs to Steam Launch "Swift" in accordance with specification, The New Engineering and Shipbuilding Works, Limited, Tls. 450.

Erecting a signalling platform at the Yangtzepoo Station, Joe Ming-kee, Tls. 287.

Supply of iron wire and rods as required for making reinforced concrete-ware for twelve months, Kan Kong-yue, 22 B.W. gauge \$0.079; and $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ -in. \$0.039 per lb.

Transport of materials from Ping-chiao Quarry, aggregating not less than 3,000 tons per quarter, Ah Sung, Z. D. Lin, Tung Kee Kung-sze, \$0.93 per ton.

The meeting adjourns at 6.25 p.m.

The following documents are ordered for publication with the foregoing minutes:—

Policing Beyond Limits.

Letter to the Consular Body supplementing the correspondence published last week.

Council Room,
Shanghai, June 4, 1908.

SIR,—In continuation of my letter of May 28, I have the honour to inform you that at 11.40 p.m. last night three mounted men of the native police beyond Settlement limits, one of them carrying a sword, proceeded at a gallop down the North Chekiang Road from the Railway Station. The constable on duty attempted to stop them but they made their way into an adjoining alleyway.

In drawing the Council's attention to this incident the Captain-Superintendent of Police asks for instructions as to the employment of armed force to hinder similar incursions in the future. He writes: "In thus openly defying the Police the native authorities are stirring up, as they well know, a spirit of restlessness and discontent with the peaceful government of Shanghai, which will surely spread and may at any time burst forth into anti-foreign demonstrations, the end of which no one can foresee."

The view which Colonel Bruce takes of this matter is not in the Council's opinion an exaggerated one. It is clearly unreasonable to expect foreign constables to run the risk of assault without means of protecting themselves, and I venture therefore to lay stress upon the desirability of making the position clear to the Taotai so soon as may be possible.

Apart from the more general question of the extension of the Settlement it appears to the Council advisable to insist that, pending conclusion of such negotiations as may take place, the native police discontinue any attempt to patrol the Municipal roads outside the present boundary.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
DAVID LANDALE,
Chairman.

D. SIFFERT, Esq.,
Consul-General for Belgium,
and Senior Consul.

Report of the Captain-Superintendent of Police for May

Strength of the Force on May 31, 1908.

Officers	8
Foreigners	195
Indians	501
Chinese	831
Total	1,535

1.—The question of Municipal control over extension roads has during the last few days been rudely challenged by the Chinese Authorities in the vicinity of the North Chekiang Road, where it runs into the Shanghai-Nanking Railway property. The northern and north-western boundary of the Foreign Settlement brings the Municipal Police and the Paoshan native Police actually face to face in that district. That such a situation is a difficult one, even under the

happiest conditions, most ratepayers would allow, but owing to the active aggression of the native police, culminating on May 27, in a violent assault upon a European constable the affair assumes an altogether different aspect. Further aggressive action has since continued.

In pointing out the danger to the peace and good order of the Settlement which such acts may bring forth, especially if persisted in, it should be clearly understood that the provocation has been entirely from the side of the Chinese native police, and to such an extent that it is impossible to believe that the occurrences of the last few days were accidental. Although it is perhaps unnecessary to point out the danger to the good order and peace of the Settlement involved by such action upon the part of the Paoshan Police, it is considered advisable to remind, not only ratepayers but the vast number of law-abiding Chinese who have large interests at stake in the Settlement that such action is distinctly provocative of trouble, and if persisted in by the Chinese Authorities may lead to a very serious situation.

2.—Complaints have at times been made by a certain section of the public as to the manner in which dog muzzles are said to be removed from dogs by the Police for the purpose of obtaining a portion of the reward for their apprehension. That such an allegation should even be suggested, perhaps, shows that this impression does exist. In order to do away with it, once and for all, it is here recorded for general information that the whole of the dog redemption fees are paid to the Accounts Office. No constable or dog coolie benefits to the extent of a single cash by the capture of any dog.

3.—During the last three months considerable annoyance has been caused to many bicycle owners owing to the presence in the Settlement of a gang of bicycle thieves. The efforts of the detective branch have been ceaseless in the endeavour to ascertain the ultimate destination of the stolen goods. But not until the end of the month was any definite information obtained.

It has now been ascertained that no inconsiderable number of stolen bicycles found their way to a well-known pawnshop at Soochow. Some have been recovered, more are still missing, and until the attitude of the Chinese Authorities at Soochow towards the members of the Force sent there to inquire, alters, no further progress is likely to be made. With a view to preventing street thefts or thefts from houses in future, it would be well if owners of bicycles would adopt the old fashioned chain and padlock whereby a machine is made practically safe from theft.

Here follow tables of persons coming under the notice of Police for criminal and other offences, punishments inflicted, prisoners in custody, vehicles licenses suspended and confiscated, dogs captured, etc., value of property stolen and recovered, and warrants and summonses.

C. D. BRUCE,

Captain-Superintendent of Police.

Return of Persons coming under Notice of Police for Criminal and other Offences.

Offences.	Foreigners	Natives	Total
(a) OFFENCES AGAINST THE PERSON :—			
Cutting and wounding	1	8	9
Assault		68	68
Kidnapping		48	48
Cruelty to and trafficking on women & children		34	34
Bringing false charges		2	2
(b) OFFENCES AGAINST RIGHTS OF PROPERTY :—			
Robbery		5	5
Embezzlement		3	3
Extortion		16	16
Burglary		21	21
Housebreaking		8	8
Obtaining goods by false pretences		10	10
Fraud		17	17
Receiving stolen property		20	20
Unlawful possession		35	35
Uttering counterfeit coins		5	5
Arson		9	9
Malicious Injury		9	9
Larceny	3	328	331
Civil Offences :—Debt		34	34
Breach of Contract		13	13
Others		20	20
(c) ACTS INJURIOUS TO THE PUBLIC :—			
Common nuisances		1478	1478
Vagrancy	1	40	41
Returning after expulsion		9	9
Disorderly and improper conduct	19	181	200
Soliciting prostitution		62	62
Depositing garbage		113	113
Traffic :—Furious driving		39	39
Obstruction		2271	2271
Arms, unlawfully carrying		3	3
Selling lottery tickets		2	2
Storing straw in excessive quantity		4	4
Publishing indecent documents		2	2
Public gambling		11	11
Illegal arrest or detention		10	10
Insanitary premises		12	12
Cruelty to animals		9	9
Breach of license conditions :—Liquor	3	2	5
Dog	18	4	22
Dairy		5	5
Laundry		5	5
Opium		3	3
Miscellaneous	2	43	45
(d) NOT CHARGED :—			
Beggars, Hawkers, Ragpickers		3123	3123
Others	29	317	346
Total	76	8461	8537

Return of Sentences.

Sentence	Foreigners	Natives	Total
Imprisonment	4	387	391
Cangue		12	12
Expulsion and deportation		6	6
Fine or confiscation	30	389	419
Imprisonment and cangue		5	5
„ „ expulsion		96	96
„ „ fined	3	3	6
„ „ cangue and expulsion		1	1
Cangue and expulsion		1	1
Bail forfeited		3811	3811
Remanded	3	1	4
Cautioned		34	34
Dismissed	3	50	53
Released on Security	1	89	90
Left to Court		66	66
Handed to parents or guardians		10	10
Sent to Reformatory		3	3
„ Slave Girls' Refuge		2	2
„ Sinza Refuge		12	12
„ Door of Hope		11	11
„ the Native Authorities		26	26
„ French Police		3	3
Charge withdrawn		2	2
Failed to appear		2	2
Sent on board ship	2		2
Total	47	5021	5068

Prisoners in Custody

on May 31, 1908.

Central Station	95
Louza Station	103
Hongkew Station	136
West Hongkew Station	66
Harbin Road Sub-Station	15
Wayside Station	20
Gaol	745
Yangtszepoo Station	16
Sinza Station	46
Bubbling Well Station	16
Total	1,258

Vehicle Licenses.

	Suspended	Confiscated
Ricsha	721	1,826
Wheelbarrow	27	2
Handcart	1	
Total	749	1,828

Value of Property Stolen between

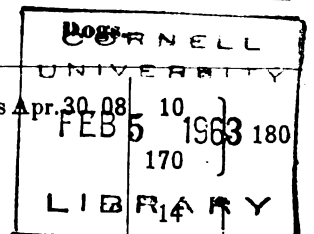
May 2 and May 29, 1908.

	Dollars
Stolen	23,108.85
Recovered	13,324.35

Warrants and Summonses.

Warrants executed	32
Summonses served	137

At Kennels	10	180
Captured	170	
Returned		
Killed	146	180
Remaining at Kennels	20	



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MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1915.

PRIVET.

CATARRH, caused by inhaling the pollen of privet, is reported by the Health Officer to be prevalent. Landowners and residents having the shrub on their premises are therefore requested to remove the blossom, in their own as well as in the public interest.

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, June 8, 1908.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1916.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Transfer Books of the Municipal Loans will be closed from June 20, to June 30, both days inclusive.

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, June 15, 1908.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, June 10, 1908, at 4.30 p.m., there are present:

MENSB. D. Landale (*Chairman*)

A. W. Burkill
W. D. Little
R. S. F. McBain
J. H. McMichael
O. Meuser
W. A. C. Platt
J. Prentice
The Secretary and
Assistant Secretary.

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Volunteers.

Medical Staff.—Upon the recommendation of the Commandant the following promotions are authorized:—

Captain C. Lalcaca, P.M.O., to be Major with effect from April 21.

Lieutenant R. J. Marshall to be Captain with effect from June 1.

Maxim Company.—The commission of Captain G. E. Stewart is authorized for renewal for a further period of three years, with effect from May 17.

Light Horse.—Upon the recommendation of the Commandant a commission as 2nd Lieutenant is authorized for issue to Mr. C. H. Godfrey.

Police.

Foreign Branch.—The promotion of the following to be 2nd-Class Constables is authorized from June 5:—

J. Hamilton
C. Hamilton
E. Adams.

P.C. Barr is dismissed the Force for gross misconduct on April 18 and June 9.

Warder Rixon is dismissed the Force for continued neglect of duty and assaulting native prisoners.

Policing Beyond Limits.

Further cases of aggression on the part of the Paoshan Police are reported by the Captain-Superintendent, one of which, the appearance of three mounted men in the North Chekiang Road, has already been communicated to the Consular Body. A second case, where a foreman of coolies at work in the Railway Station yard was brutally done to death, forms the subject of a further dispatch:—

Council Room,

Shanghai, June 10, 1908.

SIR,—In continuation of my letters of May 27 and June 4, I have the honour to draw the attention of the Consular Body to an incident of which the facts are as follows:

On May 31 a native official attempted to drive along a road in course of construction within the estate of the Shanghai-Nanking Railway. Certain labourers, under orders and ignorant of the official's identity, informed the driver that there was no thoroughfare, but he used his whip and was assaulted in return. Two of the labourers were arrested later and have each undergone 1,000 blows. The foreman, who was not present at the time, aided in the capture of one of them. On June 5, however, his arrest was also attempted on the railway by the Paoshan Police, without showing a warrant and without apparently holding one. These Police met with passive resistance, and thereupon dragged the man to the adjoining yamen, violently maltreating and beating him till he died, either from heart failure or suffocation as certified in a written medical opinion. The verdict of death by poison given at the native inquest shows a desire on the part of the Native Authorities to obscure the facts. The sum of \$60 in notes and his watch have been taken from his body since decease.

Further, on June 7 three native runners visited the house of the deceased in Elgin Road and endeavoured to entice his son out of the Settlement.

This irregularity is the only point as to which the Council would ordinarily record protest, but since the deceased was a resident of the Settlement, a petition handed in by his relatives requesting redress for his barbarous death, is entitled to the Council's support, and to its aid, in pressing for a just investigation into the circumstances. To this end, therefore, I have the honour to forward a translation for the Consular Body's perusal.

There is, however, a larger aspect of this shocking affair to which I feel bound to refer. Though distinct in its character from the acts of aggression on the part of the Paoshan Police, as to which question has recently arisen, it is alone enough to refute the belief of the Native Authorities that any system of police co-operation can be possible upon roads beyond limits between a force of this kind and the Municipal Police. This and other instances not only tend to show that this experimental organization is from a police standpoint useless, but also justify the fear that situated so close to the Settlement borders, it may later become positively dangerous.

It is perhaps known to the Consular Body that the habitual brutality and violence of these men have latterly been the subject of loud complaint and acrimonious criticism in the native Press, and I enclose herewith a translation of one typical extract which shows how high has been the feeling on the subject. Another article of about the same date gauges with clearness the manner in which the force has been composed, in the following phrase:—
"The upper ones have received a smattering of instruction during a few months; the lower are recruited from ex-soldiers or from local loafers used to fill the ranks, and so the whole has been hurriedly put into action."

The native opinion, thus impartially expressed, may be taken as the surest sign that the establishment of this force is open even to stronger objection than would be the presence of a camp of ordinary native troops, and that having proved itself wholly undisciplined, it will proceed from one deed of violence to another, to the grave prejudice of security and good order both within and without the Settlement in the neighbourhood where it functions.

I am confident that these considerations have not escaped the notice of the Consular Body, and are looked upon as the basis for negotiations towards obtaining the disbanding of the force.

I have in conclusion again to express the hope that the particular incident to which I have referred, if only on

grounds of humanity, will form the subject of the Consular Body's most strong protest.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your obedient servant,

DAVID LANDALE,
Chairman.

D. SIFFERT, Esq.,
Consul-General for Belgium,
and Senior Consul.

*Translation of petition to the Council,
dated June 8, 1908.*

Li Shang, a woman aged sixty-seven, of the district of Tientsin, now living in the Elgin Road at No. 47 Shan Ching Alley, petitions in great sorrow imploring clear redress for a life ruthlessly taken.

This woman, now close on seventy years old, had but one son named Li Te who was for many years a foreman of labourers on the Railway appointed by the Chief Engineer, during which he committed no fault. By some misfortune her son was lately savagely seized and dragged away by several native Police sent by the Director of the Chief Police Bureau. Striking him with fists and feet they took her son to the Bureau and beat him in some unknown way so cruelly that he died at once. This is a bitter wrong.

The Police Bureau made no single inquiry as to what crime her son committed, or by whom he was accused, but merely took him to his death. Thus of old or now, in China or abroad, there has never been fierce and cruel action such as this.

The official speaks the word and the underlings answer by the hundred. He says strike, and they strike; or imprison and they imprison; or kill and they kill; so much is the official to be dreaded.

There should, however, be an accuser and an accused, and proof of a real crime of which notice should first be given before action can be taken. By what reasoning can a man be cut down like grass without hearing a word?

The woman only had that son. Since that son is dead she has nobody to rely upon; her daughter-in-law is now a widow; her two grandsons have no father; both in poverty and sorrow they must wait for death together. They are willing alone that the Chief Police Bureau should kill them all at once so that dying they may be with the deceased. For their wrong is a hidden one and they are helpless, and she therefore on behalf of the rest of the family implores the Municipal Council to have pity and take the lead in gaining redress; and waiting this favour with tears of blood will ever pray, etc.

The woman Li Shang petitions on behalf of her grandson En Fu.

Translation of an article in the Universal Gazette, dated April 28, 1908.

THE CHAPEI POLICE.

The object of Police is the protection of the people resident in the district, and the preservation of peace in their dwellings. The responsibility for this protection goes with the right of interference with the people's affairs which it confers. Their conduct and speech, therefore, should be as an example to the people and as a model to society. It follows, therefore, that as a class they should be a superior type of man, and that the rules which govern them should be most stringent if they are to fulfil the heavy responsibilities and bear the burden of their position.

It is six years since policing was inaugurated in China, and it is therefore impossible to discuss whether it has succeeded or not; accidents and misfortunes are frequently heard of, but during the last two or three years rumours of the sort have considerably decreased. It is stated, moreover, that all the policing administrations both in the northern and southern provinces have considerably improved, and we are able to feel gratified at this progress.

Recently the news of disturbances created by the Chapei Police Force in Shanghai comes to hand daily. When the matter is small it consists of a quarrel as to a difference of opinion, and when important, of an assault or an infliction of insult upon respectable people, or even of rape and such evil actions which it is quite impossible to record. And it is actually Shanghai, which is the centre of every eye, and at Chapei in the close neighbourhood of the Settlement, that these things are spoken of.

It should also be added that since Chapei is so near the Settlement if the conduct of the Police is in the least incorrect it suffices to provoke the ridicule of the foreigner and to be cited by him as a pretext.

We wonder, indeed, at the residents of Shanghai, and what pleasure they can find in subscribing huge sums and collecting funds to nourish this infamous set of ruffians armed with short clubs and dressed in uniform.

How comes it, however, that policemen and troopers are unfit for their task? It lies in the fact that they lack instruction and know not so much as what policing is. Thus, on the principle that the best receives the blame, we cannot but find that the Manager of the Shanghai Police, Wang Taotai, is responsible. Alas! we shall say no more.

Public Band.

The minutes of the meeting of the Band Committee of June 2, relating to the wearing of uniform by the musicians and other matters of internal organization and discipline, are read and confirmed.

It is noted that Mr. Meuser has consented to fill the vacancy on the Committee, caused by the resignation of Mr. Blount and his nomination is unanimously endorsed.

Registration of Architects.

The reply of the Senior Consul to the Council's letter of May 20 is read, to the effect that without

information as to the rules to be drawn up by the sub-committee appointed for the purpose, the Consular Body is unwilling to confirm the suggested alteration of Article XXX of the Land Regulations.

The Council, therefore, decides to add to the sub-committee the names of three leading continental architects, and will request that the committee as thus augmented make its report and recommendations forthwith.

Shanghai, June 2, 1908.

SIR.—In reply to your letter of May 20 relating to the amendment of article XXX of the Land Regulations, I have the honour to point out to you that before it has received the information asked for in my letter of April 28, the Consular Body does not see its way to take any action in the matter.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

D. SIFFERT,
Consul-General for Belgium,
and Senior Consul.

D. LANDALE, Esq.,
Chairman, Municipal Council.

Council Room,

Shanghai, June 12, 1908.

SIR.—Referring to the project for registering architects practising in the Settlement, outlined on pages 197/9 of last year's Annual Report, the Consular Body is unwilling to confirm the amendment of Article XXX of the Land Regulations passed at the recent Special Meeting of Ratepayers, until the sub-committee appointed for drawing up the rules thereunder has met and reported on the subject.

The Council therefore desires that you will convene a meeting of the committee and bring the matter forward at an early date.

It is considered desirable that the membership of the committee should be augmented by three, so that German and other continental interests and opinions may be consulted, and I am to request that you will take steps to this end.

I am Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

C. MAYNE, Esq.,
Engineer and Surveyor.

Road Extensions and Widening.

North Szechuen Road.—With reference to the arrangement published in the Municipal Gazette of May 21 as to contribution by the Presbyterian Mission Press and other adjoining owners towards the cost of constructing a 12-in. sewer 800 feet northwards from the Yukungpu, acceptance of an undertaking by Dr. S. P. Barchet to contribute not less than Tls. 340 for a further extension of 500 feet in accordance with the

following correspondence is authorized :—

Shanghai, May 18, 1908.

DEAR SIR,—As drain pipes are being laid along North Szechuen Road a little beyond the Am. Presbyt. Mission Press, and it is only a few yards further north to my place or 153 N. Szechuen Road, my neighbour Mr. Alfred Sieh on the North and the Christian Literature Society on the South of my lot, are willing to contribute Tls. 100 each, which with my contribution of the same amount will make Tls. 300. I do not know the owners of the intervening lots; they no doubt can be brought to make a little contribution to prevent the nuisance of surface water, near the road.

Awaiting your reply.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours sincerely,

S. P. BARCHET.

C. MAYNE, Esq.,

Municipal Engineer.

Shanghai, June 8, 1908.

DEAR SIR,—In continuation of my letter to you of May 18, I am able to add, that Tls. 340 is now assured as contribution to have the drain pipes on N. Szechuen Road extended to No. 153. It is possible that another contribution may be added to the above by one of the lot owners, living at Hankow, from whom no reply has yet come to hand.

Hoping that you will proceed with this work which is for the good of all.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours sincerely,

S. P. BARCHET.

C. MAYNE, Esq.

Municipal Engineer.

Council Room,

Shanghai, June 13, 1908.

SIR,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of June 8, addressed to the Municipal Engineer, on the subject of the extension of the sewer now being laid in the North Szechuen Road, and, in reply, to state that in consideration of your assurance that contributions of Tls. 340 will be made towards the cost, the sewer will be continued for a further distance of 500 feet.

I am, Sir,

You obedient servant,

W. E. LEVESON,

Secretary.

Dr. S. P. BARCHET.

Sinza Road.—The attention of members is drawn, in a letter from a resident, to the question of this road, and, after some discussion as to the desirability of metalling the whole width, authority is given for the construction of a tar-paved footway 5-ft. in width along the northern side, at an estimated cost of Tls. 1,440.

Markham Road.—The metalling of a 12-foot strip of the section between the Soochow Creek and the Gordon Road is authorized at a cost of Tls. 810.

Tenders.

The following are authorized for acceptance :—

Painting and varnishing external woodwork, play sheds, etc., at the Public School, Koo Ah-moo, Tls. 376.

Constructing 34 chang of hardwood bunding and a jetty in Dixwell Road, North of East Yalu Road, Joe Ming-kee; bunding Tls. 4,080, jetty Tls. 220, mud-filling Tls. 100.

Supply of exhaust piping and valves for the Allen Surface Condenser at the Electricity Works, The Shanghai Dock and Engineering Co., Ltd. Tls. 596.

The Reverend Dr. Myers.

The Council is informed that further inquiries have been received from this ratepayer on the subject of Municipal accounts, and particularly the terms of agreement with the London Agents, Messrs. John Pook & Co., and the method of purchase of a Babcock boiler for the Electricity Works. In view of the use made by Dr. Myers of similar information recently afforded him, the Council decides that his letter may suitably remain without reply.

The meeting adjourns at 6.20 p.m.

The following documents are ordered for publication with the foregoing minutes :—

Health Department.

Notification of Infectious Disease.

The following have been reported during the week ending Sunday June 7, 1908.	Deaths among Chinese population of 530,000	Cases notified among Non-Chinese population of 14,500.
Small-pox.	0	0
Cholera.	0	0
Typhoid Fever	—	2
Diphtheria.	0	0
Scarlet Fever.	0	0
Tuberculosis	20	1
Relapsing Fever	0	2
Total Deaths from all Causes	168	1

The following have been reported during the week ending Sunday June 14, 1908.	Deaths among Chinese population of 530,000	Cases notified among Non-Chinese population of 14,500.
Small-pox.	1	0
Cholera.	0	0
Typhoid Fever.	—	1
Diphtheria.	0	0
Scarlet Fever.	0	2
Tuberculosis.	18	0
Total Deaths from all Causes	155	4

ARTHUR STANLEY,
Health Officer.

Health Officer's Report for May.

The Public Health during May has been very satisfactory, only seven cases of infectious disease having been notified among foreign residents whilst the foreign death rate has likewise been exceptionally low.

Relapsing fever broke out amongst the prisoners at the Central Police Station cells on the 16th instant; on the 20th a similar but more severe outbreak occurred at the Louza Station, and on the 24th instant cases were reported from Sinza Station. In each case separation of those found infected, removal to Hospital observation Wards of all contacts, and disinfection of cells, resulted in the repression of the outbreaks, but further cases again appeared as soon as the prisoners were returned to their station cells after the quarantine period: this is believed to be due partly to infected vermin, and partly to very deficient ventilation of the cells, and measures to remedy these conditions have been suggested and are being adopted.

The new arrangements for garbage removal appear to work satisfactorily, and the demand for this material for agricultural purposes continues brisk.

Extensive cleansing and limewashing operations have been carried out amongst the dirtiest hovels in the Eastern and Western Districts.

A native baker in the Seward Road was prosecuted for allowing his employees to squirt fluid from their mouths over the dough. The trifling fine of \$5 imposed by the Magistrate for this peculiarly disgusting offence is not likely to act as a deterrent to similar offenders, and considerably discourages those who are at pains to apprehend such culprits.

Here follow tables of Vital Statistics, Infectious Disease and Outdoor Sanitary Work; Work done in the Municipal Laboratory, Municipal Hospitals and Slaughter-house; and lists of Laundries, Dairies and Dealers in Perishable Food-stuffs, etc., licensed for the protection of the Public Health.

ALFRED MOORE,

Acting Health Officer.

Deaths.			Written intimations issued forsanitary amendment			Licensed Dairies.				
Foreign Resident.	Native Non-Resident.	Native Resident.	Second written intimations issued for sanitary amendment.....	7	0	Dairy.	Situation.			
Small-pox	0	0	Notices of intention to proceed served.....	28	0	EASTERN DISTRICT.				
Cholera	0	0	Samples taken for analysis.....	596	6	Riverside Farm.....	76 Yangtzepoo Road			
Typhoid Fever	0	0	Pounds of unsound food destroyed	6	93	Shanghai Dairy.....	71 Ward Road. "			
Diphtheria	0	1	Food prosecutions.....	5	5	Inshalla Dairy Farm	Thorburn Road.			
Scarlet Fever.....	0	0	House refuse prosecutions	5	5	Sung Shing Dairy.....	Yangtzepoo Dairy..			
Tuberculosis	0	1	Laundry and other prosecutions.....	5	5	Farfield Dairy	19 Kwenming Road			
Typhus	0	1	Enquiries after notification of foreign cases of infectious disease.....	5	183	Wayside Dairy	Tongshan Road			
From all causes.	4	3	Enquiries after notification of Chinese cases of and deaths from infectious disease.....	168	3330	Tuh Shing Dairy ...	Off E. Kashing Rd.			
Infectious Disease Notified Among Foreign Resident Population.			Rooms disinfected after infectious disease	1107	9	NORTHERN DISTRICT.				
Small-pox	1	0	Articles of clothing, bedding, etc., disinfected by steam	3330	20	Home Farm	N. Szechuen Road			
Cholera	0	0	Rooms whitewashed.....	9	37	Paoshan Dairy	Paoshan			
Typhoid Fever.....	4	0	Ventilation and lighting amended.....	20	13	Hongkew Dairy.....	N. Szechuen Road			
Diphtheria	1	0	Defective drainage amended	40	42	Yong Shu Fong	N. Honan Road.			
Scarlet Fever.....	0	1	Insanitary latrines and urinals rendered healthy	1	0	Mo Hung Shing.....	N. Szechuen Road			
Tuberculosis	0	0	Insanitary ditches, ponds and creeks rendered healthy	1	9	Ching Kee	N. Honan Road			
Municipal Hospitals for Infectious Disease			Night-soil pits and kongs abolished ...	0	9	Hong Kee	N. Szechuen Road			
Cases Admitted—Small-pox	0	2	Exposed confined corpses removed and buried	0	9	Pau Chee	N. Honan Road			
Cholera	0	0	Smoke nuisances suppressed	0	6516	Shing Chee.....	Range Road "			
Typhoid Fever.....	0	0	Offensive trade processes amended.....	0	10509	Family Farm.....	DISTRICT.			
Diphtheria	2	0	Insanitary wells abolished.....	0	4	The Farm	Siccawei Road.			
Scarlet Fever.....	0	1	Tons of ordure removed	0		Crawford's Dairy ...	Bubbling Well Road			
Other Diseases.....	2	118	Tons of house refuse removed.....	0		St. George's Farm..	" " "			
Discharged	4	95	Other unhealthy conditions amended..	0		Yuen Sung	" " "			
Died	1	6	Licensed Laundries.			Swiss Farm.....	601 Burkill Road.			
Remaining last day of month	2	55	Laundry.			Zee Butler	Route d'Oumer			
Municipal Laboratory.			Situation.			Culty's Farm	French Creek			
Small-pox Vaccine issued ...	1,250 tubes.		EASTERN DISTRICT.			Tai Woo	" " "			
Vaccinations	161		Ah Chow	465-6	Dent Road	Lemke's (Private) Dairy	460 Ave. Paul Brunat.			
Diphtheria Antitoxin issued..	24 units		Ah Kung	467	do.	Hung Fei's Dairy...	Bubbling Well Road			
Cases undergoing anti-rabic treatment	1		Old Ah Foo	469-71	do.	Gordon Rd. Dairy Co.	1128 Gordon Road.			
Bacteriological examinations	67		Jackson	472-3	do.	Yui Chong	756 Avenue Road.			
Analysis.....	38		Big Sam	66-8	Dent Lane.	Fok Kyi	1401 " "			
Municipal Laboratory.			Jim	1859	do.	Hop Shing	1 Yu Yuen Road			
Report on Analysis of Water.			Wo Yue	1860	do.	Nee Shing	Markham Road.			
Sample received May 29, 1908.			Yu Shing	1861	do.	Yok Kyi	Medhurst Road.			
Report sent out June 3, 1908.			Ching Kee	1862	do.	Licensed Butchers, Poultry, Game and Vegetable Dealers.				
Sample of Shanghai Waterworks Co.'s Water.			Mew Shing	1863	do.	Butchers.				
Physical Characters. — In the two-foot tube shows considerable opacity with a greenish yellow colour. Slightly alkaline reaction to litmus.			Big Sam	1192	Yuhang Road	NORTHERN DISTRICT.				
Solid Matter in Solution	12.0		Ah Kee	222	Tongshan Rd.	W. Futterer	1106 Broadway			
a.—Volatile.....	6.4		Yung Woo	222A	do	Fritz Pasche	7 "			
b.—Fixed	5.6		Japanese	170	Wuchow Road.	R. Neumann	Astor Road			
Appearance on Ignition...Slight Charring	8.0		No. 1 Kashing.....	262-3	Harbin Road	Wong Sie Shang ...	72 Tiendong Road			
Total Hardness	4.5		No. 2	260-1	do.	Kyung Yue Shing ...	671 " "			
a.—Temporary	3.5		No. 3	258-9	do.	Tsiang Ka Va	672 " "			
b.—Permanent	2.2		No. 4	257-8	do.	Lo Jung	957 Woohang Road			
Chlorine	0.0585		No. 5	256	do.	Sieu Kam Cheong...	5 and 6 Market Road			
Nitrogen as Nitrates	0.0020		No. 6	255	do.	Wong Yeek Sang ...	17 " "			
Saline Ammonia	0.0083		No. 7	254	do.	Vee Ching Kee	1457 Woohang Road			
Albuminoid Ammonia	Nil		No. 8	253	do.	An Sing	1578 " "			
Poisonous Metals	Nil		No. 9	251-2	do.	CENTRAL DISTRICT.				
Nitrites	Nil		No. 10	250-1	do.	Hop Foong	17 Maloo Market.			
Phosphates	Traces.		No. 11	249	do.	Hong Kee	19 " "			
Sulphates			No. 12	248	do.	Yeh Tai	27 " "			
Bacteriological Examination. — Gelatine plates at 23°c. showed an average of 45 micro-organism per c.c. of which about one-third were liquefying organisms.			No. 13	247	do.	Tsin Tai	28 " "			
Agar plates at blood-heat yielded 25 microbe-colonies per c.c.			No. 14	246	do.	Yung Tai Foh	29 " "			
Bacteria of the coli type were found in quantities of 0.5 c.c. and upward			No. 15	245-6	do.	Hopkins	1 Ningpo Road			
Report on Analysis—A sample of water showing a high degree of chemical and bacterial purity.			No. 16	243-4	do.	Vegetable and Game.				
Victoria Nursing Home.			No. 17	242	do.	Tsau Sung Ling ...	677 Tiendong Road.			
Cases Admitted	31		No. 18	241	do.	Yue Ming Kwai ...	1451 Woosung Road.			
Discharged	27		Nos. 19-50	239-215	do.	Vee Fah Kee	122 Market Road.			
Died	0		NORTHERN DISTRICT.			Sau Z. Yoong	32 & 33 Miller Road.			
Remaining last day of month	13		Yok Sing	846	Woosung Road.	Jing Ching Kee	27 Miller Road.			
Nursed outside the Home	3		Miller	308	Miller Road.	CENTRAL DISTRICT.				
Daily visits	0		Chin Kee	1113	Woosung Road	Tsau Sung Ling	12 Maloo Market.			
Nursing pre-engagements	0		Nos. 2 to 9	Nos. 512 to 519	Range Road.	Zung Mow	14 " "			
Sanitary Work.			International L'dy	1381 Haining Road		Zee Pao Yah	15 " "			
Complaints of insanitary conditions received from the public	33		Wong Ah San	402A	Chapoo Road.	Vie Ah Sun	16 " "			
Insanitary conditions reported by Health Office.....	52		Chapoo No. 1.....	402B	Chapoo Road.	Loh Ah Sai	18 " "			
			Chapoo No. 2.....	N. Szechuen Rd. Ex.		Nui Ah Char	26 " "			
			N. Y. K.	314-309	O'king Rd.	Zung Tsau Ming ...	30 " "			
			Yung Shing Washing Co.	259	Taku Road.	Bah Yung Ling	31 " "			
			Woo Kee Washing Co.	55	Yates Road.	Zung Set Ling	32 " "			
			Doo Foo Washing Co.	24	Weihaiwei Rd.	Chu Wai Chu	33 " "			
			Ziang Shing	451	"	Slaughter-House Returns.				
			Shanghai Steam Laundry	105	"	Slaughtered.	Rejected at Slaughter-house.	Passed for Slaughter from Cattle-sheds.	Passed for Export from Cattle-sheds.	Rejected at Cattle-sheds.
			Shz Shing Washing Co.	210	"					
			Yung Sung Washing Co.	210	"					
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SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 1908.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1916.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Transfer Books of the Municipal Loans will be closed from June 20, to June 30, both days inclusive.

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,

Shanghai, June 15, 1908.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1917.

PUBLIC BAND.

THE Sunday performances of the Band in the Town Hall will cease after Sunday, June 28.

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,

Shanghai, June 23, 1908.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, June 17, 1908, at 4.30 p.m., there are present :

Messrs. D. Landale (*Chairman*)

A. W. Burkill

W. D. Little

A. D. Lowe

R. S. F. McBain

J. H. McMichael

O. Meuser

W. A. C. Platt

J. Prentice

The Secretary and
Assistant Secretary.

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Volunteers.

Artillery.—Upon the recommendation of the Commandant a commission is authorized for issue to Lieutenant A. J. Stewart to be Captain.

Light Horse.—Upon the recommendation of the Commandant a commission is authorized for issue to Lieutenant W. J. N. Dyer, to be Captain, with effect from May 31.

Police.

Foreign Branch.—The following are appointed 3rd Class Constables from June 17:—

W. I. Butcher

P. Dowding

J. C. Kiloh

F. M. King

J. O. Pugh

D. Scott

B. J. Selvey

J. R. Sherris

W. Spark

M. Stewart

W. Stewart

A. W. Thompson

A. Wade

J. R. Welch.

The annual grant from the *Recreation Fund* for Ice for the use of the Force is fixed for issue henceforward at the rate of \$3.50 per head of the strength on June 30.

A special allowance of Tls. 7 per mensem is authorized for issue to Foreign Sergeants and Constables performing duty as Drill Instructors. The following are entitled to this allowance with effect from June 1:—

P.C. Mackintosh

„ S. Simpson

„ Sutcliffe.

Terms of Service.—A re-draft of the Terms of Service in the Foreign Branch is submitted and approved, containing the changes authorized during the past year. A further amendment is sanctioned upon the recommendation of the Captain-Superintendent, by which time spent on long leave will count in full for class promotion instead of half as heretofore. This change is directed by a desire to place no impediment in the way of men availing themselves of home leave when due. Inasmuch as copies of the document are distributed at home in connexion with recruiting, it is decided to add a brief preface descriptive of the Settlement and of the duties which the Police are called upon to perform, since certain recent recruits on joining have been under the impression that the Force partake of the nature of Constabulary such as exists in South Africa and elsewhere.

Revised Terms of Service in the Chinese Branch, based on the recent

suggestions and recommendations of the Captain-Superintendent, are also approved and ordered to be printed and issued.

Bicycle Thieves.—A report on the visit of Detective-Sergeant Thygesen to Soochow is submitted, containing clear evidence that a number of bicycles stolen in the Settlement have been disposed of by pawn in Soochow. The Watch Committee is of opinion that no good result would accrue from official representations in the matter, and that Police vigilance, in the light of the facts now within their knowledge, should tend to prevent further similar depredations.

Native Clubs.—Draft conditions of license are submitted and, amended in respect to Clause 6, approved. The clause in question will call for a statement of the names of the members, their private address and place of business, particulars which are necessary in view of the practice, observed by the Police, of using bogus names. The system of license will be introduced from July 1.

NATIVE CLUBS.

Conditions of License.

1.—That the license be not transferable.

2.—That on a breach of any of its conditions the license be subject to withdrawal or suspension by the Council, and the licensee be liable to prosecution.

3.—That the premises be closed at 2 a.m.

4.—That a good light be kept after dark over the principal door so long as it remains open.

5.—That the membership be not more than thirty.

6.—That the names of the members, their occupation, their private address and place of business, be exhibited in a conspicuous place within the premises.

7.—That non-members be not admitted, nor any entrance by payment allowed.

8.—That no gambling be allowed on the premises. Games of cards and dominoes are allowed.

9.—That no opium or liquor be sold or consumed on the premises.

10.—That the Police on duty have free access at all times to the establishment, and that the license be kept ready for their inspection.

No security or fee will be imposed until April 1, 1909.

Chinese Pleasure Gardens.—An application for a license for a new garden to be established in the Kiaochow Road is submitted, and, after some consideration, authorized for issue. It is noted that the same restrictions as to closing time, and as to fireworks, etc., will apply as in the case of the Yu Yuen Garden. Discussing the general question of the increase of these Chinese pleasure grounds in the Western District, the Council is of opinion that there are no reasonable grounds on which to base refusal of the permit, even were such a course considered advisable.

Native Processions.—The Captain-Superintendent reports as to the continual failure of applicants for procession permits to give adequate notice, so that traffic arrangements may be made, and, at his suggestion, it is decided to issue a notification on the subject in the native press, containing the following amended text of the Police Regulation in re:—

(XXI). PROCESSIONS.

No Chinese wedding, funeral or other procession is allowed in the streets except when provided with a permit.

Applications for permits, giving at least two days' notice, should be addressed to the Captain-Superintendent of Police.

No procession will be permitted within the Central District east of the Honan Road.

No procession will be permitted in or across the Nanking Road or Bubbling Well Road east of Ferry Road between the following hours:—

8 a.m. to 9.30 a.m.
12 noon to 2.30 p.m.
4 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.

In the case of processions including bodies of armed men special application to the Council is necessary.

Policing Beyond Limits.

North Szechuen Road.—A letter from the American Consul-General is read in allusion to the recent attack on Dr. Barchet's premises in the North Szechuen Road, wherein he desires Police assistance in preventing further violence in that locality. It is decided in reply to state that while residents beyond limits are entitled to Police protection in return for payment of the special Municipal Rate, Dr. Barchet by failing to notify the Hongkew Station at once

of the attack on his house, has prejudiced the success of Police investigation of the matter. In the meanwhile every possible step will be taken to bring the culprits to justice:—

American Consular Service,

Shanghai, June 16, 1908.

DEAR SIR,—I enclose for your information and for such action as you may see fit to take, copy of Dr. Barchet's report to me of the attack on his premises, 152 North Szechuen Road, on Sunday morning the 14th instant.

This matter should have been reported to you earlier but I only learned of it yesterday at noon, whereupon I at once telephoned you. I have made proper representations to the Taotai in the premises and I now request your assistance in preventing further violence in the locality.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. DENBY,

Consul-General.

Lt.-Colonel BRUCE,

Captain-Superintendent of Police.

Shanghai, June 15, 1908.

SIR,—I beg to inform you that yesterday morning, Sunday, June 14, at nine o'clock, about a hundred men, armed with pronged hoes, swooped down on my vegetable garden, 152 North Szechuen Road, destroying all the vegetables I had planted there and the shade trees which they threw on a heap and made a bonfire of.

They quickly dug a trench along my fence and ground, which they filled with coffins, heaped a mound against the garden gate, to shut me out from land I purchased eight years ago, covered by U. S. Lot Pao 32, area 3-m. 9-f. 9l. 6h.

In about half an hour, they had accomplished what they came to do, when they left as suddenly as they appeared on the scene.

As such an outrage affects all foreigners residing in Paoshan and may lead to even worse outrages, I would ask that steps be taken to prevent a repetition of such wanton acts, that the perpetrators of this outrage be brought to justice, and compensation made for the property destroyed.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

S. P. BARCHET,

HON. CHAS. DENBY,

Consul-General, U.S.A.

P.S.—There was no provocation to account for this unfriendly act, but I have good reason to suspect a certain headman (Wong) to be at the bottom of this outrage. Whilst negotiations were on foot to come to a friendly settlement with the Paoshan Magistrate, regarding the grave land adjoining my lot, this Mr. Wong with another headman "Sheng" called to see me, offering to sell me this grave land for Tls. 8,000, which offer I refused, being tantamount to blackmail.

I sent word to the District Magistrate, to have the land measured and to appoint an arbitrator to fix the value of the grave land, offering to pay any reasonable value, fixed on, in order to make sure that no more coffins be placed there.

S. P. B.

Council Room,

Shanghai, June 16, 1908.

SIR,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of June 16, addressed to the Captain-Superintendent of Police, on the subject of the recent attack by villagers on the Rev. Dr. Barchet's garden in the North Szechuen Road.

In reply thereto I am directed to point out that by paying the Municipal Rate for outside districts residents in the North Szechuen Road become entitled to the assistance and protection of the Municipal Police. Failure to notify the Station at once of the outrage has to some extent prejudiced the success of the Police investigations, but every possible step is now being taken to bring the culprits to justice.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. E. LEVESON,

Secretary.

C. DENBY, Esq.,

American Consul-General.

Woosung Road.—A report by the Captain-Superintendent refers to certain action of the Paoshan Police at the northern extremity of the Woosung Road, which lies like the North Chekiang Road, partly within and partly without the boundary. It is understood that the Taotai has been requested to withdraw these natives pending settlement of the boundary question, not only in the North Chekiang Road, as announced in the Mixed Court on June 13, but in other roads similarly situated.

North Soochow Road.—The letter from the Taotai in respect to a disturbance which took place at the foot of the Stone Bridge on May 22, is submitted, together with Police reports upon the incident. There is considerable diversity of fact in the accounts from either side, and the Watch Committee is of opinion that no more can be done than furnish the Police narrative for the Taotai's information:—

Shanghai, June 2, 1908.

Sir,—I have the honour to forward herewith for your consideration and reply copy and translation of a letter from the Taotai, complaining about so-called irregular doings on the part of two members of the Municipal Police beyond limits.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

D. SIFFERT,
*Consul-General for Belgium,
and Senior Consul.*

D. LANDALE, Esq.,

Chairman, Municipal Council.

Translation of letter from the Taotai to the Senior Consul, dated May 25, 1908.

The Taotai has to inform the Senior Consul that he is in receipt of a letter from the Chief Police Bureau to the effect that at half-past seven on the morning of May 22, a foreigner and an Indian from the West Hongkew Police Station carrying a gun, went to the foot of the Sinza Bridge, and in driving away the vegetable stalls encroached upon the Chinese Settlement. Chen Ping-chao who has established a bean-curd stall within the Chinese Settlement, would not submit to being driven away. The foreigner without inquiring into the matter insisted on taking him to the Police Station; and when the native Policeman on duty, named Lin Kwei-fen, remonstrated with him, he not only not listened, but actually hustled him. The small dealers became indignant and surrounded the foreign Policeman, whereupon the native, fearing that trouble would be provoked, first induced and ordered the dealers to keep quiet, and then went to the station to report the matter. The Police official on hearing this report went to the place in question and inquiring into the facts, found that the statements of all parties agreed as to what had taken place. He therefore dispersed the crowd and proceeding to the Police Station discussed the matter with a view to obtaining the release of Chen Ping-chao and dealing with him himself. At the Police Station, however, it was first said that

the affair took place in the Settlement, and then that the stall was in the Chinese Settlement, but that the man had taken refuge in the Foreign Settlement where he was arrested, and was therefore to be brought before the Mixed Court. Chen Ping-chao's bean-curd stall is, however, in reality situated at the foot of the Sinza Bridge in the Chinese Settlement, and the Foreign Settlement is in no way affected. It is therefore a question how the foreign Policeman could arrest this man on his own authority. In doing so he has in fact committed a breach of rules and shown contempt for law.

The Bureau, therefore, writes asking that a communication be addressed to the Senior Consul, requesting that strict directions be given to the Police Station in question that the Police must not hereafter encroach upon the Chinese Settlement and raise trouble: that the Policeman who broke the rules upon this occasion, together with the Indian constable, should be submitted to examination and punished: and that Chen Ping-chao should be returned to the Police Bureau where his case may be dealt with.

Upon receipt of this letter the Taotai finds that the foot of the Sinza Bridge is situated within the jurisdiction of the Chinese Police, and that, therefore, the Police of the Settlement should not over-step the boundary and arrest people. The action of these foreign Police in actually venturing to encroach at this point and drive away vegetable stalls, and their action in arresting Chen Ping-chao and confining him in the Police Station, whereby disturbance was almost created, is not only a disobedience of standing rules, but is in fact also a disturbance of peace and good order.

The Taotai has, therefore, to address a letter to the Senior Consul, asking him kindly to take note, and to give immediate directions to this Police Station to release Chen Ping-chao at once, and send him to the Police Bureau to be dealt with: also to submit the foreign Policeman who contravened rules on this occasion to examination and punishment as a warning: and further strictly to direct all Policemen that they are to refrain hereafter from again encroaching beyond the boundary and creating trouble, thus acting in agreement with standing rules.

The Senior Consul will thereby be giving an evidence of his public goodwill. Awaiting the favour of a reply etc.

Council Room,

Shanghai, June 22, 1908.

Sir,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of June 2 on the subject of alleged improper action by the Police in the North Soochow Road.

In reply I have the honour to state that from the Police Report in the case it appears that on May 22 at 7.15 a.m. an Indian sergeant brought a hawker to the West Hongkew Station charged with obstructing him in the execution of his duty. A representative of the Chapei police then appeared, and, stating that the prisoner was arrested beyond the Settlement boundary, requested his release. A foreign sergeant was therefore sent with the Indian to verify the place of arrest which was found to be the North Soochow Road. The native official was thereupon informed that the prisoner would be charged at the Mixed Court. On the same day a sentence of one day's imprisonment was inflicted.

The western end of the North Soochow Road, though outside the Settlement boundary, is owned and controlled by the Council.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

DAVID LANDALE,

Chairman.

D. SIFFERT, Esq.,

Consul-General for Belgium,
and Senior Consul.

Registration of Architects.

A note from the Engineer states that a meeting of the sub-committee for the discussion of rules in this connexion has been convened for June 23, and that Messrs. Becker, Chollet and Marti have been invited to attend.

Telephone Service.

A letter from the Shanghai Mutual Telephone Co., Ltd. is read re-stating its wishes in respect to the new agreement. The Finance Committee has met two representatives of the Company, and after full discussion has agreed to their suggested modifications, and it is noted that a copy of the agreement finally printed for signature has been forwarded for the approval of the French Council, whereupon the Secretary is authorized to affix the Municipal seal to the document:—

Shanghai, June 15, 1908.

SIR.—With respect to the agreement which is to be signed by the Council, the French Council and the Shanghai Mutual Telephone Company, Limited, giving the Company, in return for certain considerations, a franchise for the telephone service of Shanghai, I have the pleasure to submit the result of recent consultations between the Board and representatives of the Council for formal discussion and I trust ratification.

I have, in the first place, to state that, when assenting to the substitution of the two-and-a-half-mile radius for the Settlement boundary as a basis for the tariff, sufficient attention was not given to the financial effect which the change would have. It was not the Company's intention, nor I believe that of the Council, to bring about a net shrinkage of revenue of over Tls. 4,000 per annum; yet as is now shown by calculation this is what the radius system would mean.

With this in view, therefore, the Company has taken the opportunity to suggest certain modifications of the draft agreement prepared for signature, which are directed towards making the document more in keeping with the mutual basis upon which the Company rests and with the policy which directed the participation of the Council, as trustees for the public, in its welfare.

Clause 9.—With regard to the Schedule of Charges experience has shown that Business Telephones are not at present charged in proportion to the service rendered, in comparison with Private Telephones, and to mark this view the Company desires to charge Tls. 65 for the former per annum and Tls. 45 for the latter. Under the agreement of 1901 the Company was entitled to make an all-round charge of Tls. 50, the subscription for Private Telephones will therefore show a reduction, on the other hand the scale proposed at the Rate-payers' Meeting in March 1906 would have warranted an increase, with the present number of subscribers, to Tls. 55 for all telephones. It was our intention in any case to approach the Council, under provision of this clause, on the subject of revision of the tariff, and we consider the present time most suitable for the change to be made. We invite comparison of these rates with those ruling elsewhere, and we invite scrutiny on the Council's part of our balance sheet and particularly our expenses of management. After going carefully into the question we are satisfied that the rates referred to above are

the lowest upon which the new agreement can safely be based.

The reduction of 20 per cent upon the subscription of all shareholders is substantial, and it is to be noted that four shares must be held for each telephone upon which reduction is claimed. A further note is added to the effect that beyond the radius of four miles, across the river, and in the native city charges are subject to special arrangement.

Clause 12.—We ask for the insertion of the words "then being upon any roads or land under the control of the Councils" after the words "all plant of the Company." This change will prevent the financial resources of the Company being affected adversely, while the security to the Council upon the termination of the Agreement will remain ample.

Clause 14. There are certain minor amendments which are considered desirable in the form of the subscribers' agreement:—

Article I.—Omission of the words "or desk." Desk telephones have always been charged at a higher rate than wall telephones: the extra revenue amounts to Tls. 2,300 per annum and the charge is not unreasonable.

Article II.—Omission of the words "and subject (except in the case of non-payment of subscription) to the approval of the Councils." The directors submit that an appeal to the Council in the case of non-compliance of a subscriber with the stipulations of his contract is unnecessary, and calculated to make it difficult to deal with an unreasonable subscriber.

Article 13.—Substitution of the words "six months" for the words "the remainder of the current year." It is clear that the words in the draft would in many cases amount to inadequate notice.

Clause 18.—In view of the fact that the directors are unable to recommend payment of a higher dividend than 6 per cent for the past year, instead of 8 per cent as heretofore, and since the benefits of the agreement have not yet come into force, we ask that the Councils shares shall rank for dividend from October 1, 1907, instead of April 1 as formerly arranged.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant.

N. MACLEOD.

Chairman.

Shanghai Mutual Telephone Co., Ltd.

The CHAIRMAN,
Municipal Council.

CHARGES IN OTHER CITIES.

	Business Tls.	Private Tls.
Bombay	111	60
Singapore	86	65
Batavia	129	86
Hongkong	72	
Paris	132	
Lyons	98	
London	140	
Manchester	77/8	
Liverpool		
Birmingham		

Council Room.

Shanghai, June 24, 1908.

Sir,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of June 15, relating to the contract for the telephone service. This communication embodies the result of recent negotiations as to certain clauses in the agreement which received the close attention of the representatives of the Board and the Finance Committee of the Council at the meeting held on that day.

The Council now formally accepts the changes in question and I enclose herein three copies of the document for signature in the first place by the Company.

A copy has already been forwarded to the French Council in accordance with the understanding of December 1906.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant.

W. E. LEVESON.

Secretary.

N. MACLEOD, Esq., M.D.,

Chairman.

Shanghai Mutual Telephone Co., Ltd.

Resignation of Member.

A letter from Mr. A. D. Lowe is read containing the resignation of his seat on the Council as a result of his early departure for Europe, in accepting which the Chairman expresses appreciation of Mr. Lowe's services during his membership.

The meeting adjourns at 6 o'clock p.m.

Health Department.

Notification of Infectious Disease.

The following have been reported during the week ending Sunday, June 21, 1908.	Death among Chinese population of 536,000.	Cases notified among Non-Chinese population of 14,560.
Small-pox.	2	1
Cholera.	0	0
Typhoid Fever	—	3
Diphtheria.	0	1
Scarlet Fever.	0	1
Tuberculosis	14	0
Relapsing Fever	—	2
Total Deaths from all Causes	132	2

ARTHUR STANLEY,
Health Officer.

Electrical Engineer's Report for April.

GENERAL.—The steam-raising plant is in good order. The condition of all the boilers is good. More detailed attention can now be given to the boiler-house plant as the improvement effected in steam economies makes it possible to always have at least one boiler out of commission for cleaning, etc.

In the engine-room the steam-generators have been working more satisfactorily and economically than at any previous time. No. 5 Ferranti engine has been taken adrift and thoroughly overhauled. By the use of an improved type of wiper gland on the piston rods a lesser quantity of oil is drawn up into the cylinders and a saving is thereby effected.

LOW-TENSION DISTRIBUTORS.—The following extensions were made:—

Great Western Rd.	818 yds.	.060
Jessfield Road.....	1,378 ..	.060
" "	455 ..	.076
Great Western Road.	710 ..	.094
Taku Road.....	470 ..	.034
North Honan Road	710 ..	.060

The following enlargements were made:—

Ningpo Road	470 yds.	.034
Chungking Road ...	305 ..	.094
" "	900 ..	.060
The Bund.....	780 ..	.124

Low-tension feeders changed from vulcanized to bare cable:—

Connaught and Gordon Roads	1,182 yds.	.094
Bubbling Well Road	516 yds.	.094

Sub-stations.—Gordon Road Riding School sub-station enlarged.

One 6 K.W. transformer replaced by one 20 K.W.

North Honan Road Russian Church sub-station enlarged. One 3 K.W. transformer replaced by one 12 K.W. supply pressure changed from 100 to 200 volts.

Public Lighting.—Five additional are lamps erected during the month. Ten "Beck" Flame lamps were erected on the Bund.

Poles.—Twenty-five poles erected: eleven renewed.

House Services.—Forty new house services were connected to the mains during the month.

Equivalent 8 c.p. Lamps.—1,123 equivalent 8 candle-power lamps were added.

Motors.—One additional motor of 3.5 horse-power was added bringing the total number of motors connected to 63 of aggregate horse power 399.7.

COAL.—Satisfactory reduction in the coal consumption continues.

Per unit generated it was 6.19-lb. and per unit sold 6.97. These figures constituted a record, but they are improved upon still further in the month of May in which the coal per unit generated has fallen to 5.67-lb., whilst the first eight days of June show an average of 5.23-lb. only. The subjoined table may be of interest as showing how the coal per unit sold worked out for the first four months in the years 1906, 1907 and 1908.

	1906	1907	1908
January ...	11.75	11.36	10.12
February ..	10.98	12.05	11.53
March ...	12.44	12.78	8.45
April ...	13.26	10.85	6.97

I am of opinion that after the new superheater has been installed for dealing with the steam for the boilers not provided with self-contained superheaters the coal per unit generated will fall to 4.5-lb. As coal forms over 50 per cent of the Work's costs it will be realized how enormously the reduction of the coal consumption reflects upon the revenue.

OIL.—261 gallons of oil were used in April as against 431 gallons in April 1907. Of this quantity only six gallons were used by the turbine although this machine was regularly in use each day for an average of twelve hours per day. Low oil consumption is a marked feature of steam turbines. Although the oil consumption is steadily decreasing finality has not yet been reached: I anticipate much lower consumption during the remainder of the year.

WATER.—The water consumption was lower by 432,000 gallons than during the same period last year although 124,317 more units were generated.

UNITS GENERATED.—389,092 units were generated against 264,775 in April last year.

UNITS SOLD.—345,550 units were sold against 202,441 in April last year. RATIO.—Particularly satisfactory is the ratio between the units generated and units sold. It has risen from an average of 76 per cent last year to 88.75 per cent. I anticipate raising this figure to over 90 per cent before the close of the year.

COMPARATIVE TABLE.

	1908	1907
Total lamps connected	149,477	114,807
horse-power in motors.....	399.7	273.7
Units generated	389,092	264,775
" sold and accounted for.....	345,350	202,441
	1908	1907
Private light- ing	194,425	—
Public light- ing.....	31,974	—
Power (motors)	11,020	—
Traction	90,987	—
Used at Works, etc.	16,944	—
	345,350	—

Ratio.....	88.75	76.45
Coal per unit generated in lbs.....	6.19	8.30
Coal per unit sold, etc., in lbs.	6.97	10.85

GENERAL.—The erection of the coal and ash-conveying plant is completed: the coal chutes are fitted from the bunkers to each boiler and the plant is about to be put into daily use. By the use of this coal-handling plant it should be possible to reduce the number of natives employed in the boiler-house.

The foundations for the new Allen surface condensers are completed and the condenser is now being erected.

Tests have been carried out at Rugby on the new 800 kilowatt steam turbine recently built by Messrs. Willans and Robinson. The steam consumption trials were satisfactory.

T. H. U. ALDRIDGE,

Electrical Engineer.

Engineer's Report for May.

Works in Progress.—Boundary Walls at Gaol. New Cells, Sinza Police Station. Bubbling Well Cemetery, Outbuildings. New Quarters for Foreigners, Hongkew Police Station. New Indians' Quarters, West Hongkew Police Station. Alterations to S.V.C. Headquarters. Boundary Walls to Public Gardens.

Garden Bridge Subsidiary Works. Reconstructing Hoopoh Road Bridge over the Yangkingpang. Laying 3-ft. 0-in. diam. culvert at Clattg Bridge, Sicawei Road. Metalling roadway and relaying footpath at the junction of Museum Road and Soochow Road. Laying 12-in sewer east of Jessfield Village. Mud filling, Thorburn Road. Laying 12-in. sewer along North Szechuen Road. Laying 3-ft. 0-in. by 2-ft. 0-in. sewer along North Honan Road. Steam Roller Shed. North Honan Road. Making up Sawgin Road.

Works Finally Completed.—Offices. Quarters. Transformer Station and foundations for Boilers. Machinery etc., at Electricity Works. Laying 3-ft. 0-in. diam. culvert along Sinza Road east of Gordon Road. Laying 12-in. sewer, Sawgin Road. Bricking Batavia Road and Thorburn Road.

Garden Bridge.—The driving of the cofferdam piles to below mud level has been completed on the east, west and south sides and those on the north side will be driven in the course of a few days. A start has been made with the driving of the piles at the south abutment. The concrete bundings on the south-east and south-west corners are now finished, and the work on the south approach is practically completed. The north approach is being metalled and the concrete paving laid along Soochow Road to the west of the bridge.

Bundings.—The concrete bunding immediately east of the Chekiang Road Bridge is being rapidly proceeded with.

Street Refuges.—Granite "Refuges" have been erected at the following street junctions:—The Bund and Nanking Road a (1). Nanking Road and Szechuen (2). Nanking Road and Kiangse Road (1). Nanking Road and Lloyd Road (1). Nanking Road and Thibet Road (1). Soochow Road and Chapoo Road (1).

New Buildings.—The erection of new buildings does not show any diminution. 54 sets of plans for 433 new buildings of various kinds were approved during May as against forty-four sets of plans for 391 new buildings during a similar period last year.

Cleansing.—Sixty-two cartloads of garbage, 2,896 cartloads of road detritus, and 2,322 cartloads of gully deposit have been collected during the month.

Quarry.—3,838 tons of road materials have been received during the month from the Council's Quarry, and 577 tons were dispatched from the Quarry for account of the French Municipal Council.

Concreteware.—The following concrete ware has been made at the manufactory during the month :—

Machine made..... 750 pieces
Hand made..... 1,103 „

Total... 1,853

Creek and River.—A new contract having been duly entered into, the deepening of the Defence Creek is now being proceeded with. The cleansing and deepening of the Chang Pang, the creek that runs alongside the Great Western Road, is well in hand and a consequent improvement of its condition is to be noted.

The following table shows lengths of drains of various sizes laid on private property by the Department during the month :—

Heading	Unit	Districts				Total
		W.	C.	N.	E.	
12" Pipe Drain	ft. run	52	—	14	—	66
9" Pipe Drain	"	110	120	24	110	364
6" Pipe Drain	"	168	22	214	210	614
4" Pipe Drain	"	20	—	148	94	262
Yard Gullies	Nos.	2	—	9	10	21
Manholes	"	8	9	18	18	33
Main drain connexions ..	"	7	6	11	2	26

Survey Work.

Official measurements of new land lots attended during the month...82
Cadastral certificates issued15
Consular lots surveyed25
Surveys made in connexion with Road Widenings and/or Extensions55
Lots examined to ascertain whether they included roads or waterways which are or may in future be of use to the public.....65
Consular lots examined as to condition of boundary stones15
M.C.R. Stones have been erected as follows :—

Western District..... 1 stone.
Central „ — „
Northern „ 3 „
Eastern „ 6 „
Outside Limits — „
Total... 10 stones.

Miscellaneous.—The average number of labourers employed during the month exclusive of contract work has been 1,872 as against 2,875 during May, 1907.

Works Completed on Existing Roads.—The following is a tabulated statement of the different works completed during the month :—

Heading	Unit.	Districts				Total.
		W.	C.	N.	E.	
<i>Drainage.</i>						
Tidal ditches cleaned	ft. run	8060			392	8452
Sewers cleaned	"	6015	1236			7251
9" Sewer laid	"	18				18
6" drain laid	"	14				14
Street Gullies laid	Nos.	1				1
Brick manholes constructed	"		1			1
<i>Roads.</i>						
Bricking	ft. sup.		2080			2080
Metalling	"	118361	94560			212921
Tar macadam repaired	"			1668		1668
Kerb and channel relaid	ft. run		128			128
Chippaved margins laid	ft. sup.		1080			1080
Chippaved carriageways reprimed	"	2295	6620	19786		28701
Rolling and sanding	"	10770	9000	59788		79558
Macadam roads repaired	"		510	21542		22052
<i>Footpavement.</i>						
Concrete paving laid	ft. sup.		768	4605		5373
Concrete paving repaired	"	361		2458		2819
Tar paving laid	"				57	57
Chippaved footways laid	"			2576		2576
Macadam footways laid	"	360				360
Macadam footways repaired	"	1236			978	2214
<i>Miscellaneous.</i>						
M.C.R. Stones fixed	Nos.	1				1
Fire hydrants erected	"	1				1
Gas, water and other trenches opened	ft. run	4617		593	1605	6815
Telephone poles erected	Nos.	11	13		5	29
Electric Light poles erected	"	15	10		2	27

Works Completed on Road Widenings and Extensions.—Works have been completed on Taku Road, Mohawk Road, Siccawei Road, Shantung Road, Foochow Road, Sawgin Road, Thorburn Road, North Szechuen Road, Range Road, Elgin Road, as shown by the following table :—

Heading	Unit.	Districts				Total.
		W.	C.	N.	E.	
<i>Drainage</i>						
Creeks cleaned	ft. run			1350	498	1848
12" Sewers laid	"				534	534
6" Drains laid	"		22	11		33
Street gullies laid	Nos.				8	8
Street gullies renewed	"		2			2
<i>Roads</i>						
Bricking	ft. sup.		2730	1167		3897
Metalling	"	6395	2730	67928	62606	139659
Kerb and channel laid	ft. run	74		74		121
Kerb and channel relaid	"		200	104		304
Chippaved margins laid	ft. sup.				2926	2926
Chippaved carriageways laid...	"			1305		1305
Raising	"	3700				3700
<i>Footpavements</i>						
Chippaved footways laid	"		967			967
Concrete paving laid	"	476		576		1052

CHARLES MAYNE,
Engineer & Surveyor

Departmental Report of the Superintendent of Parks and Open Spaces to the Municipal Engineer for June,

Public Gardens.—The most attractive feature during the month was the roses which flowered prolifically and have owing to cool climatic conditions continued in flower for a longer season than is usual. The majority of the spring flowering bulbs have been harvested and the beds they occupied prepared to receive tropical plants. Seats and chairs are in position and a commencement has been made in the laying out of the corner next to the Garden Bridge.

In the hothouses, gloxinias, tydeas and a few orchids contribute chiefly to the display.

Public Recreation Ground.—The matcheds and bandstand were erected early in the month.

Hongkew Recreation Ground.—Turf laying is completed for the present. The raising of the north-west corner is

two-thirds completed. A considerable area has been marked out for games and on an average six tennis courts have been in use daily. A summer house is being constructed to provide additional shade. The total number of visitors was 5,571. The largest number on one day was 798.

Foreshores.—The alteration to the path on the Bund is completed and the seats have been placed in position. Laying of turf and constructing path on the Soochow Road foreshore are also completed.

Turf has been laid in the following places.—Cathedral Compound, Victoria Nursing Home Extension, Soochow Road Foreshore, Hongkew Park and Hart Road.

Breast Piece.—Chains and stanchions have been placed all round this space.

Nurseries.—Transplanting seedling bedding plants, staking and weeding. Thirty packets of seeds presented by Lady Hanbury have been sown.

Trees Planted on Roads—

Sungkiang Road.....	58
North Soochow Road	59
Fearon Road	5
Total	112

Shrubs Planted—

Siccawei Road Nursery	22
Markham Road	200
British Consulate	1,125
Total	1,347

Flowering Plants Planted During the Month—

Public Garden	153
Victoria Nursing Home	450
Sinza Police Station	69
British Consulate	8
Total	680

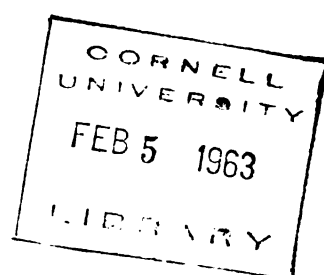
D. MACGREGOR,

Superintendent.

Summary of Revenue for May.

Description	Estimate	1908			1907			1906		
		Number	Amount	Total from January 1.	Number	Amount	Total from January 1.	Number	Amount	Total from January 1.
LAND TAX.....	Tls.		Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.		Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.		Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
GENERAL MUNICIPAL RATE—	683,520	—	220,210.82	261,291.68	—	31,869.21	187,426.73	—	38,770.62	188,484.77
Foreign	443,009	—	43,688.62	132,657.84	—	44,422.28	134,310.56	—	31,990.78	111,997.44
Native	666,000	—	55,209.68	250,114.75	—	45,411.52	236,943.85	—	31,924.08	216,568.03
WHARFAGE DUES.....	175,000	—	—	38,529.32	—	—	44,496.99	—	—	57,278.14
LICENSE FEES—										
Foreign Hotel and Tavern..	6,500	2	82.00	2,865.75	6	89.00	2,752.50	2	21.00	3,025.50
Foreign Liquor Seller	18,500	2	26.68	9,189.70	11	192.74	9,399.41	4	106.67	9,126.67
Restaurant	4,700	2	35.00	2,360.00	—	—	2,390.00	2	30.00	2,610.00
Billiard and Bowling Saloon	700	1	6.00	347.50	1	5.00	329.00	—	—	333.00
Native Lodging-house	5,800	9	37.00	3,053.23	6	14.00	2,345.60	3	3.67	2,119.30
Native Wine-shop	9,500	219	921.50	4,567.46	15	25.64	3,763.67	112	562.96	3,641.14
Tea-shop	5,700	553	457.99	2,327.44	509	434.84	2,210.82	507	439.92	2,157.35
Foreign Theatre	1,200	12	142.00	918.00	14	112.00	559.35	13	217.00	654.00
Native Theatre	3,000	21	306.00	1,398.00	22	237.00	1,126.50	20	191.00	1,006.00
Pawn-shop	17,500	204	4,499.84	9,154.32	—	—	4,906.60	—	—	3,783.15
Opium-shop	4,000	91	358.98	1,758.31	88	349.87	1,879.27	117	468.41	2,367.08
Opium-house	58,000	1,390	4,682.25	23,887.14	1,604	5,104.36	26,210.43	1,693	4,958.17	26,795.64
Cargo Boat	5,800	755	425.05	2,121.99	842	505.73	2,390.47	916	508.77	2,486.70
Ferry or Passenger Boat ..	1,100	67	98.19	435.60	74	109.52	520.16	69	100.74	487.51
Steam Launch.....	2,200	45	87.02	1,026.28	52	112.40	1,018.51	56	84.33	764.84
Native Boat.....	3,800	1,481	295.91	1,550.56	1,619	326.19	1,584.00	1,717	332.20	1,540.89
Sampan	1,600	199	145.57	647.08	270	198.78	789.93	296	216.29	858.17
Private-owned Pony and Carriage	14,000	P. 80 C. 64	288.84	7,013.73	P. 164 C. 146	423.60	5,956.99	P. 138 C. 124	370.35	6,148.28
Livery Stable	25,000	P. 793 C. 623	2,401.69	12,012.94	P. 832 C. 663	2,556.83	12,762.12	P. 908 C. 729	2,785.96	13,728.51
Motor Car.....	2,100	25	111.00	1,062.22	10	36.44	656.38	14	55.62	410.00
Cart	17,000	1,034	1,263.75	7,584.73	1,164	1,586.61	7,600.67	1,017	1,262.48	7,059.57
Private-owned Ricsha	40,000	188	387.26	18,632.90	326	456.35	15,359.09	356	443.18	14,739.63
Public Ricsha	95,000	8,160	8,919.12	45,562.56	8,481	9,338.85	45,702.35	8,438	9,240.87	44,031.12
Sedan-chair	5,800	7	17.55	2,736.40	53	116.07	2,771.50	30	65.90	3,226.34
Wheel-barrow	37,000	6,755	2,673.52	15,733.40	7,472	3,178.64	16,486.95	7,359	2,956.20	14,971.32
Firearms	10,000	6	675.00	675.00	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dog	800	88	64.15	695.81	126	92.74	414.06	265	194.51	632.82
RENT OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTIES—										
Markets.....	35,000	2,917	2,967.29	14,471.92	2,395	2,561.41	12,170.32	2,206	2,274.49	11,136.91
Town Hall	1,000	—	—	216.95	—	130.00	1,941.00	—	—	405.00
Firemen's Quarters.....	1,400	—	130.00	564.00	—	144.00	574.00	—	196.00	781.00
Cadastral Lot 168 C.	700	—	—	700.00	—	350.00	1,750.00	—	—	—
FROM PUBLIC COMPANIES—										
Gas Co., Ltd.	6,000	—	493.30	2,424.75	—	—	1,340.10	—	—	—
Mutual Telephone Co., Ltd.	7,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Electric Construction Co., Ltd.	15,000	—	642.50	642.50	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total Tls.	2,429,920		352,751.07	878,931.76		150,491.62	792,839.88		130,772.17	755,355.82

E. L. ALLEN,
Assistant Overseer of Taxes.



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SATURDAY, JULY 4, 1908.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, June 24, 1908, at 4.30 p.m., there are present :

Messrs. D. Landale (*Chairman*)

A. W. Burkill
R. S. F. McBain
J. H. McMichael
O. Meuser
W. A. C. Platt
J. Prentice
The Secretary and
Assistant Secretary.

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Police.

Foreign Branch.—The resignation of Constable Fox is accepted with effect from July 23. He will draw Superannuation under Rule 8.

The reversion of Gaol Warder Shorter to Police duty is authorized with effect from June 2.

The transfer of Constables McFarlane and Franklin to be Gaol Warders is authorized with effect from June 5.

The appointment of Probationary Sergeant Austin is confirmed with effect from December 1, 1907.

The appointment of the following Probationary Sergeants is confirmed with effect from February 14:—

W. Brewster
J. Cruickshank
W. Whiting
A. E. Bray
W. McSwiney
J. Donovan
W. Moore
W. Kennerley
T. Crookdake
N. Webb
J. J. Persico
P. J. Doylend
S. Costelloe
A. J. Ferguson.

The promotion of the following to be 2nd-Class Constables is authorized with effect from June 24:—

S. Hewkin
F. Lesley
E. R. Engley
B. Russell
J. Robbins
S. Simpson
J. Rogers.

Indian Branch.—Indian P.O. 369. Jai Singh, is discharged, invalided from June 27. A special gratuity of \$200 is authorized for issue to him in recognition of injuries received while in the performance of duty.

The Captain-Superintendent reports the failure of the Granthi, Pertab Singh, to fulfil his duties, inasmuch as he is unwilling to supervise the religious exercises of the whole of the Indian community in addition to those of the Police. In consideration of the facts the acceptance of his resignation is approved, and the further proposal is adopted that the Sikh Committee be permitted to obtain the service of a new Granthi from Amritsar without official intervention.

Mixed Court.

Corporal Punishment.—A report by the Captain-Superintendent is read on recent cases of acid throwing, in which he states the opinion that it is impossible to keep the criminal classes in subjection without the infliction of the bamboo. The Council endorses this view and directs that copies of the report be furnished for the information of the Assessors.

ACID THROWING.

“During the last week cases of acid throwing on the streets by some unknown persons have been reported to the Police.

So far as can be ascertained at present such cases have not been followed by attempted robbery or other crime, but appear to be either isolated instances of wilful hooliganism or may be taken as mere practice in the art of acid throwing.

Whatever the immediate cause of these occurrences, the inauguration and adoption of such Western criminal arts in the Settlement cannot but be a matter of grave concern to the Police.

The Watch Committee is aware that I have more than once referred to the difficulty, if not the impossibility of keeping the criminal classes here in subjection without the infliction of corporal punishment.

To show that my argument has reason it is only necessary to remind the Watch Committee that the Chinese authorities whose jurisdiction surrounds

the Settlement make daily use of the bamboo, and this although these same authorities have forbidden its use by the Magistrate at the Mixed Court.

The Watch Committee will, perhaps, recall a case during the last few days in which two harmless coolies were chastened with 1,000 blows apiece for nothing more than obeying the orders given them by their foreign superiors.

It is a mere waste of words to dwell upon the inconsistency which permits the Chinese Authorities to inflict immediately outside Settlement limits such a cruel sentence upon two harmless coolies while declining to allow the Mixed Court Magistrate inside the Settlement to sentence two worthless ruffians who live by crime to a hundred blows.

The only means of preventing the inception of crimes like acid throwing is, in my opinion, corporal punishment, the cangue freely used is the next best punishment though far behind the first as a deterrent.

I ask that in view of the undisguised use of the bamboo by the Chinese Authorities immediately outside Settlement limits its use may be restored at the Mixed Court for certain crimes.”

C. D. BRUCE,

Captain-Superintendent.

A second Police report informs the Council that there are at present 139 prisoners in the Hongkew Station cells, confined in so small a space as to be prejudicial to health. The total number of prisoners in Municipal custody is not greater at the present date than in May of last year, and it therefore appears probable that by transfers to other stations, some temporary alleviation of these conditions may be effected. At the same time it is the opinion of the Council that it is by the bamboo alone that this total number may be kept within reasonable limits.

Sailors' Home.

A letter from the Secretary of the Committee of this institution informs the Council officially of the steps which have been taken as to the trust, and describes the provisional arrangements whereby its work will be carried on at the Hanbury Institute.

Shanghai, June 22, 1908.

DEAR SIR,—I enclose for your information a Trust Deed approved by His Majesty's Supreme Court, under which you and your successors are nominated as members of the Committee of the “Sailors Home”, so long as you are willing to accept the post. At the last meeting of the Committee held on January 9, 1908 it was, as you are aware,

decided that the work of the Institution be carried on for the present at the "Hanbury Institute and Sailors' Home" and that a grant-in-aid of Tael's 200 a month be made from the funds of the Home towards the expenses of installation and upkeep for the present year. In addition to the recognized work of the Home among the seafaring community a "Charity Ward" has been added under the superintendence of the Rev H. M. Trickett, who is acting as Director of the Home, and an effort is being made to cope with the numerous dead-beats who are inseparable from a community of this size and who are drawn to a large extent from the seafaring class. For the drafting of the Trust Deed and the arrangement of all legal requirements, which has involved a great deal of time and trouble, we are indebted to Mr. W.A.C. Platt, who has very generously undertaken the work without any fee.

Yours very truly,

ARCHIBALD ROSE,

Secretary.

DAVID LANDALE, Esq.,

Chairman, Municipal Council.

Council Room,

Shanghai, June 25, 1908.

SIR,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of June 22, in reference to the Sailors' Home trust, and enclosing a copy of the petition, affidavit and scheme in the matter which have been made and registered in H.M. Supreme Court.

The Council has recorded a minute whereby the present Chairman and his successors in office accept membership of the Committee of the Home in the future, and I am directed to convey to you a sincere expression of appreciation on the part of the Council of the work which you have done in re-establishing this important public institution on a satisfactory basis.

I am Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. E. LEVESON,

Secretary.

A. ROSE, Esq.,

Honorary Secretary,

The Committee of the Sailors' Home.

Health Department.

Hawkers.—A report by the Health Officer on the hawking of fresh food-stuffs is submitted, as a result of which the re-issue in Chinese of Notification No. 1794 is authorized as follows:—

"For the protection of the Public Health, no unsound food, including fruits, vegetables, ice-cream, iced drinks and aerated waters will be allowed to be exposed for sale. Cut or peeled fruits, including melons, will considered to be unsound.

"Except in the district of Yangtsepoo beyond the Creek, where no market facilities exist, no hawking of fresh food-stuffs will be permitted outside the Municipal Markets.

"Offenders will be liable to prosecution and to have their unsound food-stuffs confiscated. Where ice-cream,

ice-drinks or aerated waters are found being made in an insanitary manner the apparatus of manufacture will be liable to confiscation."

Road Extensions and Widenings.

Boundary Road.—The raising and metalling of a 27½ foot strip of this road at a cost of Tls. 5,700 is authorised.

North Szechuen Road.—An offer by the Range Property Syndicate to surrender the necessary land for an extension of this road for a distance of about 70 yards and at a width of 40 feet is authorised for acceptance, and it decided to raise this section and metal a 10 foot strip at a total cost of Tls. 425 in return for a contribution of one half of the amount by the Syndicate.

Manila Road.—The question of compensation payable for the surrender of the portions of Cadastral Lots 1687 and 1690, will be submitted to the Land Commission for settlement, in the terms of the following correspondence:—

Shanghai, April 25, 1908.

DEAR SIR,—At my interview with Mr. C. H. Godfrey regarding the road extension marked No. 40A on the plan, he mentioned, that he had met Mr. H. Morriss on the spot, and was under the impression it was then arranged between them, that Mr. Morriss would surrender free, that portion of the new road passing through his property.

I saw Mr. Morriss and told him what Mr. Godfrey stated, Mr. Morriss replied, that he must have been misunderstood, as he himself was only referring to a small strip of land at the corner and not to about three quarters of a mow forming nearly the whole width of the new road.

Mr. Morriss would call to your attention, that his lots in question have long and ample frontages to the Chungking Road, that the new road which you propose is on the North side of his property, and no service to him, yet it is suggested that he should surrender the land free for almost the whole width of it, greatly to the benefit of the people opposite who do not give anything, but whose property is largely increased in value thereby, while his lots are probably depreciated.

Mr. Morriss instructs me to say, that under the circumstances he cannot surrender his land at a less price than the present assessed value, namely at the rate of Tael's 4,500 per mow, plus ten per cent for forced sale, say Tael's 4,093.50.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

HENRY LESTER.

C. MAYNE, Esq.,

Municipal Engineer.

Council Room,

Shanghai May 16, 1908.

SIR,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of April 25, addressed to the Municipal Engineer, containing the claim of Mr. Morriss in respect to the surrender of the portions of

Cadastral lots 1687 and 1690 required for the Manila Road.

In reply thereto I am directed to state that the Council is of opinion that the benefit conferred upon the property is distinct, and that, in view of the protracted nature of the negotiations which have taken place, it would be preferable that the question be referred to the Land Commission for settlement.

I am, Sir,

your obedient servant,

W. E. LEVESON,

Secretary.

H. LESTER, Esq.

Shanghai, May 29, 1908.

DEAR SIR,—From the remarks in your letter dated May 16th I gather, that the Council is not acquainted with the position of Cadastral Lots. No. 1687 and 1690 and the projected Manila Road, otherwise probably their opinion would be different, and they would realize that the road is detrimental to these lots.

Lot No. 1687 has a long frontage to the Chungking Road of about 310 feet, by an average width of only about 37 feet, across which you take the Manila Road, thereby cutting the lot into two, and at the North end leaving a piece of ground about 70 feet long by about 30 feet wide, more or less useless for any purpose, it is therefore obvious that this must seriously depreciate the value of the lot.

Lot No. 1690 has on the East a frontage to the Chungking Road of about 240 feet and on the South a frontage of about 210 feet to a Chinese public road, on the North side the Council propose to take away upwards of one sixth of the lot to form nearly the whole width of the Manila Road, from which the lot does not derive any benefit, as it has so much superior frontage already, while the Landowners on the opposite side of the road, acquire a frontage on to it, and are not called upon to surrender any ground, thereby gaining the full advantage of the Road, and enhanced value of their properties, at the cost of Lot No. 1687. Apparently a fairer method would have been to adjust the Manila Road, so that that half its width should be surrendered by Landowners on both sides of it.

If the Council prefer it, I am willing that the matter be referred to the Land Commission for settlement.

I am, dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

HENRY LESTER.

W. E. LEVESON Esq.,

Secretary, Municipal Council.

Shanghai, June 1, 1908.

SIR,—With reference to your letter of May 29, on the subject of the surrender of land ex lots 1687 and 1690 for the Manila Road, I am directed to state that the Council adheres to its former decision, as expressed in my letter of May 16, and that the matter will accordingly be referred to the Commission for settlement. Notice of the meeting of the

Commissioners will be communicated to you in due course.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

H. LESTER, Esq.

Electricity Department.

The minutes of the Electricity Committee of June 19, are read and confirmed. There were present:—

Messrs. E. C. Pearce (Chairman)
J. Grant Mackenzie
H. W. Pilcher
The Electrical Engineer and
The Secretary.

Sale of Lamps to Consumers.—A report by the Electrical Engineer is submitted pointing out that while the Resolution of the Ratepayers in January 1904 in respect to the sale of fittings did not preclude the sale by the Council of lamps, the discontinuance of the sale militates against the successful working of the Department. He attributes a considerable portion of such dissatisfaction with the supply as exists to the inferior quality of the lamps with which the market is flooded. The present time appears particularly suitable for introducing a change in view of the advent of metallic filament lamps upon a commercial scale. After full consideration of this question the Committee records a strong recommendation to the Council that the practice be re-introduced. The members consider that no more than a fractional profit, say 2 per cent, should be charged since the lamps will be sold with a view only to increasing the output of current.

Note.—In respect to the above the Council decides to publish the report in the first place, with a view to obtaining an expression of public opinion on the point raised.

SALE OF LAMPS.

When a few years ago the sale of fittings by this department was stopped at the wish of the ratepayers, there was no mandate to prevent the sale of incandescent lamps. The Council, however, decided that the department should not sell lamps to consumers. In my opinion this was a mistake for in a short time the market became inundated with lamps of a very inferior quality. Although at the present time good lamps may be obtained, there is a very large proportion of inferior lamps in use. Bad lamps not only give poorer light but consume more energy. The result is that consumers complain of bad lighting and increased bills for electricity. This state of things is bad both for the consumer and the supply authority, for the one feels he is paying heavily for poor lighting, the other realizes that dissatisfaction is gaining ground amongst consumers. In one instance a large club complained about the low pressure of supply and bad lighting. Investigation proved the pressure to be slightly above the declared standard but the lamps were of

such inferior quality that the general illuminating effect was most depressing. The lamps were all changed and in their place were put lamps which this department imports for its own use; the improvement was very noticeable. Many Chinese consumers are yearly lost because their lighting is poor and their bills high; yet the department cannot supply them with good lamps and so retain their custom. The Council, in the various departments, notably the Police, use many hundreds of lamps each year. It would seem rational if these lamps were supplied by the Electricity Department at a small profit, although it would pay if just the cost price—including charges—were made; the various departments would benefit not only in obtaining their lamps cheaper but would obtain better articles. The advantages to be gained by the department and the consumer mutually suggests that the Council should seriously consider the question of selling lamps to consumers.

The advent of the metallic filament lamp on a commercial scale amplifies the advantages in favour of selling lamps to consumers.

At the present time the prime cost of the metallic lamp is much higher than the ordinary carbon filament lamp in use. For an equal candle power, however, the current consumed is less than half. Their life—under normal conditions—is longer. The light emitted is whiter, thus giving the effect of greater brilliance, a property appreciated by the average consumer but by the Chinese consumer in an extraordinary degree; witness their partiality to the incandescent gas in all its garishness. Although their first cost is higher, experience shows that it is far more economical to use them both on account of their longer life and their economy in current consumption.

The first thing which may strike the Committee is—if we introduce these very economical lamps on a large scale,—what becomes of our profits, for the sales of electricity will be greatly reduced? For a time the sales would perhaps decrease but even though the Council allows the department to sell these new lamps to consumers it will be a matter of considerable time before so many are connected that an appreciable difference will be felt on an existing total of over 150,000 lamps. By that time the number of consumers—particularly Chinese—who on account of the cheapening of electric lighting will have been connected—will more than compensate for the temporary set-back. The introduction of the Welsbach incandescent gas mantle some years ago scared the gas companies in England because they thought the consumption of gas would be materially reduced. As it turned out the mantle was the salvation of the gas interests and did more than anything to set back the advance of electric lighting, and the cheapening of gas lighting enabled the poorer classes, who hitherto had used oil or candles, to use gas, thereby enormously increasing the number of consumers and the quantity of gas sold. The metallic filament, it

is generally admitted, has come upon the market at an opportune time and it will doubtless accomplish for electricity what the Welsbach did for gas.

There is a vast field in Shanghai amongst the Chinese for electric lighting but the cost, with the ordinary carbon lamp in use, is outside the reach of the majority. Furthermore, it is not sufficiently brilliant to attract them for they much prefer a glare to artistic lighting. We have some native houses in the Foochow Road district illuminated with metallic filament lamps and the consumers are very satisfied. In the same district are similar houses in which the ordinary carbon lamps were installed, but with few exceptions the consumers have reverted to incandescent gas because the illumination for the same cost is inferior to the other houses where metallic lamps are in use. I am confident that if the department be allowed to sell these new lamps the accretion of native consumers will more than justify the step.

Metallic lamps are not yet successful on 200 volt supply but they are on 100 volts. Almost all our consumers are supplied at 200 volts. To reduce the pressure to 100 volts, each consumer, or group of consumers, must have a small transformer installed as part of his installation. The cost of transformers for a small installation is about Tls. 14 but if the consumer has to pay this additional charge a great part of the saving of cheaper lighting is lost. Therefore, the fairest way and one satisfactory to both supplier and consumer is to charge a small rental similar to the meter rent now charged but based on the capital cost of 6 per cent and a depreciation at 10 per cent representing the life of the transformer. This small charge, about eighteen cents per month, would not be felt by the consumer neither would any loss be suffered by the department.

I regard this matter as of very great importance and recommend ordering at once 200 small transformers and some "Osram" lamps. For the future development of the undertaking the Chinese consumer must be secured. I look to the metallic filament lamp as the first means to that end.

T. H. U. ALDRIDGE,
Electrical Engineer.

Street Incandescent Lighting.—A report by the Engineer is submitted containing proposals for the improvement of street lighting by incandescent electricity at a greatly reduced cost to the public. From figures submitted it appears that the Department can with advantage install a 50 candle power lamp at the rate of Tls. 30 per annum instead of Tls. 60 as now charged, and the Committee recommends that the new lamp at this price be substituted wherever existing street incandescent lamps are in use. The hope is also expressed that the system will be further extended as and when its advantages become evident.

Tenders.—The offer of Messrs. Andersen Meyer & Co. to supply a switch panel in connexion with the public lighting apparatus for Gold \$229 f.o.b. New York is authorised for acceptance.

Three tenders for an iron staircase gallery for connecting the new offices with the engine room are submitted, and that of the Shanghai Dock and Engineering Co. Ltd. at Tls. 360 is authorised for acceptance.

Godown Accommodation.—A letter from the Health Officer is read pointing out the immediate necessity for the removal of all the electrical gear now stored in the Slaughterhouse. In this connexion the Engineer reports that, pending the erection of the new godown, storage accommodation is very seriously limited. He has obtained an offer of a godown at No. 10 Dixwell Road for the sum of Tls. 200 per mensem, and, since it appears that no other premises are available, the Committee recommends entering upon a lease for one year from July 1. It is hoped that means may be found for sub-letting a portion of the building.

Recreation Ground for Yangtzepoo.

A petition by 52 residents in the Yangtzepoo neighbourhood for provision of a suitable open space for the use of children is submitted, and receives favourable consideration at the hands of the Council. The matter will have the attention of the Works Committee with a view, if possible, to complying with this request.

Tramways.

At a meeting of the Watch Committee on June 23, Messrs. W. R. Wright and D. McColl, Managers of the Tramway Company, being present, codes of special Police Regulations and Company's Bye-laws were finally approved.

These are ordered for publication for two consecutive weeks as called for in the Concession Agreement, and will thereafter be posted in all cars in English and Chinese.

POLICE REGULATIONS.

1.—A car shall not be driven at such a speed as to become a danger to the Public.

2.—Except in cases of emergency cars shall only stop at official stopping places which shall be approved by the Captain-Superintendent of Police and shall be marked by placards or sign-posts as follows:—

- (a) Red mark on a white ground shall imply compulsory stops.
- (b) White ground only shall imply stops optional to alighting or boarding passengers.

3.—Cars shall be run slowly and carefully while crossing intersecting streets and when turning corners. Except in cases of emergency cars shall not stop opposite intersecting streets, and except at termini no car shall stop in the street longer than is necessary to allow passengers to board or alight with all possible dispatch.

4.—The gates on the off-side of each car, both in front and behind, shall be kept constantly closed.

5.—Between sunset and sunrise each car shall carry two distinguishing lights one in front and one behind whereon the number of the car shall be conspicuously shown. Two danger lamps shall be carried in each car, independent of the electric current, for use in case of breakdown.

6.—Each car shall be supplied with a warning gong which the driver shall ring when the car is approaching each street crossing and whenever it may be otherwise necessary. The gong shall not, however, be rung unnecessarily.

7.—Except at a terminus or where the circumstances render it unavoidable, cars running on the same metals shall not come within eighty yards of one another.

8.—Accidents must be reported to the Police with all possible dispatch, and all property found in the cars shall be handed over to the Company who will thereafter notify the Police.

9.—If any passenger shall be found to be suffering from a contagious or infectious disease the Company's servants shall remove him from the car and the Company shall report the matter to the Health Officer and the car shall not be used again without his permission.

10.—No person shall wilfully allow a vehicle of which he is in charge to use the track of the tramway so as unnecessarily to impede the passage of a tramcar.

11.—Drivers, conductors and ticket inspectors shall, while on duty wear official uniforms with numbers or numbered badges.

12.—The Police shall give all assistance in their power to the Company and their servants in case of the infraction by passengers and others of these regulations or of the Company's bye-laws.

C. D. BRUCE,

Captain-Superintendent of Police.

COMPANY'S BYE-LAWS.

1.—No person is allowed:—

- (a) To mount, enter or leave a car whilst it is in motion or to attempt to do so.
- (b) To enter or leave a car except by the way provided on the near side of the compartment in which he intends to travel or has travelled.
- (c) To lean out of a car.
- (d) To smoke in any compartment that is not reserved for smoking.
- (e) To travel on the step or platform of a car.
- (f) To use obscene or offensive language whilst in or upon any car, to spit therein, or to commit any nuisance in, upon or against any car or wilfully interfere in any way with the comfort of any passengers.
- (g) To touch, derange, alter or modify the car mechanism, track or dependent works.
- (h) To speak to the driver when his car is in motion.
- (i) To enter or mount a car whilst in a state of intoxication.

Any such person found in or upon any car will immediately be removed by or under the direction of the conductor.

(j) To enter or remain in any car if wearing dress or clothing which in the opinion of the conductor might soil or injure the dress or clothing of any passenger, or if, in the opinion of the conductor, such person is for any other reason offensive to passengers. Such person may be prevented from entering the car and shall not enter any car after having been requested by the conductor not to do so, and if found in any car, shall on the request of the conductor, leave the car upon the fare, if previously paid, being returned.

(k) To enter or remain in any car if suffering from any contagious or infectious disease.

(l) To bring upon a car any article exceeding 16-lb. in weight or one cubic foot in measurement, or which is or may become a source of inconvenience, annoyance or danger to other passengers or the Company's property. Any articles shall be carried by hand only and at the exclusive risk of the passenger.

(m) To bring any dog or other animal in or upon any of the cars.

(n) To perform upon any musical instrument whilst travelling in a car.

(o) To travel with loaded fire-arms.

(p) To obstruct or impede wilfully any officer or servant of the Company in the execution of his duty upon or in connexion with any car or tramway of the Company.

2.—A passenger shall pay the fare for the distance which he intends to travel in accordance with the authorized tariff.

3.—Each passenger shall show his ticket when required to do so by the conductor or any other duly authorized servant of the Company and shall also when required to do so either deliver up his ticket or pay the authorized fare for the distance travelled.

4.—When a compartment contains the full number of passengers which it is authorized to carry, a notice to that effect shall be placed in conspicuous letters at the entrance of the compartment.

5.—Any person offending against or committing any breach of any of these Bye-laws shall be liable to such a penalty as may be inflicted by the Court having jurisdiction.

D. MCCOLL,

General Manager,

Shanghai Electric Construction Co., Ltd.

The above Regulations and Bye-laws are approved.

By order of the Council,

W. E. LEVESON,

Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, June 24, 1908.

The meeting adjourns at 7 o'clock p.m.

The Municipal Gazette.

No. 27. SATURDAY, JULY 11, 1908.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION. No. 1919

THE Council is prepared to receive applications for the post of Junior Clerk in the Electricity Department. Knowledge of Shorthand and Type-writing essential. Salary to commence at Tls. 75 per mensem. Applications, in Candidate's own handwriting, should state age, qualifications, etc., and should be forwarded to the Electrical Engineer, Municipal Electricity Works, Fearon Road, Hongkew.

The Council does not bind itself to appoint any applicant.

By order,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.
Council Room,
Shanghai, June 29, 1908.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION. No. 1920. PUBLIC BAND.

ON and after Thursday, July 9, the Band will play (weather permitting) as follows :—

In the PUBLIC GARDEN.—On Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, at 9 o'clock p.m., on Wednesdays and Fridays at 6 o'clock p.m.

In the PUBLIC RECREATION GROUND.—On Saturdays at 5.15 p.m.

By order,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.
Council Room,
Shanghai, July 6, 1908.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, July 1, 1908, at 4.30 p.m., there are present :

Messrs. D. Landale (*Chairman*)
A. W. Burkill
W. D. Little
R. S. F. McBain
J. H. McMichael
O. Meuser
W. A. C. Platt
J. Prentice
The Secretary and Assistant Secretary.

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

New Member.

To fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. A. D. Lowe it is decided to request Mr. H. A. J. Macray to join the Council.

Volunteers.

Customs Company.—The resignation of Captain Innocent, forwarded by the Commandant, is received and recorded.

Police.

Convict Labour.—Mr. Stuart, Superintendent of Roads is appointed in charge, under the Captain-Superintendent, of the whole of the industrial side of the Gaol administration, including the keeping and furnishing of the relative accounts.

He will devote one half of his time to this work, while continuing duty in the Public Works Department for the remainder.

Mixed Court.

German Consular Assessor.—A letter from Mr. Schirmir is read announcing his departure for Europe, and that he has handed over the assessorship to Mr. A. W. Maclean. In acknowledging this communication, occasion has been taken to express appreciation of Mr. Schirmir's consistent work at the Court :—

Shanghai, June 26, 1908.

SIR,—I herewith beg to inform you that leaving for home in a few days I have handed over the assessorship at the Mixed Court to Mr. A. W. Maclean.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
K. SCHIRMIR.
W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,
Secretary, Municipal Council.

Council Room,
Shanghai, June 29, 1908.

SIR,—I am in receipt of your letter of June 26 to the effect that, as a result of your approaching departure for home, you have handed over the assessorship at the Mixed Court to Mr. Maclean.

In so doing I desire on behalf of the Community to express the very warmest appreciation of the work which you have done whilst fulfilling the duties of this post. These duties, as the Council is aware, are not infrequently of an irksome character, and the Council has from time to time been conscious of the manner in which you have upheld the best traditions of foreign administration so far as it has been within your power.

I take leave to express the hope that you may continue to achieve success in the service of which you are a member.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
DAVID LANDALE,
Chairman.
K. SCHIRMIR, Esq.,
German Consular Assessor,
Mixed Court.

Case Against a Paoshan Runner.—Reference is made to the case reported on May 6 when an unemployed native was arrested in the East Hanbury Road at the request of a Paoshan runner who stated that a warrant had been issued for his arrest for being concerned in armed robberies at Yangchow and also for piracy. His detention in custody was requested till the next day when the warrant would be produced. On May 9, since no warrant was forthcoming, the prisoner was taken before the Court and remanded in custody. The matter was brought to the notice of the Court weekly till May 30 when the Magistrate stated that the Paoshan Authorities had no charge against the prisoner. The Assessor, therefore, ordered his release, and that the runner be brought before the Court. From a further report it is noted that on June 28 the runner was charged and sentenced to 25 days imprisonment.

Case of a Native Lodging House.—A letter from Mr. J. E. Salmon draws attention to the undue harshness which the cancellation of the license of a native hotel in the Shantung Road has involved. The license was withdrawn at the recommendation of the Court, and a Police report is submitted substantially endorsing the view that the fine imposed is sufficient punishment for the minor offence committed. It is decided, with the concurrence of the Assessor, to re-issue the license.

Fire Insurance.

The conclusion of the correspondence on this subject contained in the *Municipal Gazette* of April 16 is ordered for publication:—

Council Room,

Shanghai, April 13, 1908.

SIR,—I am directed to hand you herewith translation of a letter addressed to the Council by the Mixed Court Magistrate on the subject of the evils resulting, in his opinion, from the manner in which the business of Fire Insurance is conducted.

The circumstances to which this letter refers, and the measures suggested therein, appear to the Council matters for serious consideration by the local Fire Insurance Companies, who will doubtless take such remedial action as may seem warranted.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. E. LEVESON,

Secretary.

F. GRIFFIN, Esq.,

Secretary,

Shanghai Fire Insurance Association.

Shanghai, June 8, 1908.

SIR,—The Committee of the Shanghai Fire Insurance Association duly received through the Secretary of the Municipal Council the translation of a letter addressed by the Mixed Court Magistrate to the Chairman of the Council, relating to certain alleged evils in connexion with fire insurance matters. This letter has received the attention of my Committee, and I am now directed to reply to same.

Attention is drawn to the numerous fires in the Foreign Settlements as compared with the native cities of Shanghai and Soochow, and to the increasing number of cases of incendiarism brought before the court. My Committee are aware that fires are numerous in the Settlements; a large number, however, arise from accidental causes, and are attributable to overcrowding, the greater use of kerosine oil, and the many trades and handicrafts requiring the use of fire heat. It is, however, true that a large proportion of outbreaks are the result of incendiarism, and it is to these latter that the Magistrates' attention is directed.

In all communities, there will be found unscrupulous persons desirous of fraudulently obtaining money from Insurance Companies. These latter are quite alive to the necessity of avoiding such persons, and take all steps in their power to prevent the evils arising from over insurance, but to entirely eliminate this, is practically impossible.

Insurance in a large mercantile community such as Shanghai, is a necessity, and but for the protection and security it affords, business would become impossible. Here goods of considerable value are often stored in buildings of a flimsy character, which are easily set on fire by the accidental explosion of a lamp, or the fire spreading from adjoining premises. In such cases, to be

uninsured, generally means financial ruin. Chinese are justly reputed to be shrewd and business-like, and their appreciation of the protection afforded by insurance is shown in the greater number of policies taken out every year.

Business in Shanghai is usually transacted through third parties, for the Chinese prefer to obtain a policy through a broker. These brokers are not paid by Insurance Companies, but are remunerated by commission upon the business secured. Naturally, they are active in their efforts to acquire business, but it must be remembered, all such is first submitted to the compradore for approval: thus a check is placed upon any malpractice of the broker. The Mixed Court Magistrate is apparently under the impression that Insurance Companies grant insurance without due inquiry. This is not the case, for it is the practice of all well-managed Companies to inquire into the standing of the applicant, and to investigate the value of the property to be covered, either by a personal inspection, or in some other way, and as all policies contain a clause (in Chinese) attached thereto, prohibiting further insurance without consent, this undoubtedly acts as a preventive to over insurance.

When a loss after an accidental fire occurs, and the assured is in a sound financial position, little difficulty is experienced in producing the proofs required, and the loss is paid without question. If, on the other hand, the fire is intentional, or if fraud is attempted in the claim, the Insurance Companies properly defer settlement pending an investigation.

Mr. Pao suggests that as most Chinese are ignorant of the conditions of insurance, policies should be printed in Chinese as well as in English. This matter has long ago engaged the attention of Insurance Companies, and it is decided by the English Companies that the English text alone should prevail. Most Chinese are conversant with the main principles of the Fire Insurance Contract, and they know full well that the advantage of British law governing the contract, more than compensates for the want of knowledge of the language used, and this is borne out by the fact that the Native Companies operating here issue policies with text in English.

My Committee are grateful to the Mixed Court Magistrate for bringing these matters to their attention, but it is unfortunate that his letter contains so many fallacies. Surely when Mr. Pao says:

"If no question arises the Insurance Companies peaceably enjoy the premium, but when questions arise they hit upon excuses for not paying the indemnity"

he cannot be serious, and my Committee may be pardoned for remarking he cannot mean what he says.

Inquiry into the origin of fires is a duty ordinarily performed by the Civil Authorities, and further, the duty of detection and punishment of crime falls upon them. Until recently in Shanghai no public inquiry followed,

and it is natural to assume that the large number of intentional fires may be attributed to the lack of provision of this nature. During the past twelve months, since active steps of a detective character have been instituted, the diminution in arson cases is most marked. Chinese law is drastic enough, and its application in proved cases of arson is sufficient to deter others from committing this crime, hence the immunity of most native cities from incendiary fires.

There are fourteen Native Fire Insurance Companies operating in Shanghai which are not controlled by this Association, and it may be well to note that during the past twelve months, these Native Companies have been interested in quite the majority of fires that have occurred during that period.

It must be remembered that Insurance Companies are almost powerless to cope with the evils referred to without the active assistance of the civil authorities, whose duty it is to prevent fire waste and check the commission of crime. If, therefore, the Mixed Court Magistrate will lend his assistance in overcoming the evils he speaks of, this Association will gladly receive any real suggestion he may make that is calculated to bring about the improvement he so much desires.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

F. GRIFFIN,

Secretary.

The CHAIRMAN,

Municipal Council.

Council Room,

Shanghai, July 6, 1908.

SIR,—With reference to your letter of March 20, on the subject of Fire Insurance, I am directed to forward for your information, herein enclosed, a translation of the reply received from the Shanghai Fire Insurance Association.

The free interchange of views on a debateable subject of this character cannot fail, in the Council's opinion, to be attended with good results and to conduce to friendly relations between yourself and the Foreign Community amongst whom your duties lie.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. E. LEVESON,

Secretary.

PAO YI, Esq.,

Mixed Court Magistrate.

Tenders.

The following are authorized for acceptance:—

Erection of a latrine in Hongkew Park, Joe Ming-kee, Tls. 884.

Raising Section A at the Hongkew Recreation Ground, Pao Ven-foong, about 3,500 fong, Tls. 1.26 per fong.

Road Extensions and Widenings

Chapoo Road.—Details of negotiations with Mr. W. Scott for the surrender of the portion of Cadastral Lot 804 required for the widening of this road, and for payment of compensation in respect to certain houses thereon, are contained in the following correspondence:—

Shanghai, February 21, 1908.

DEAR SIR,—I have received an application from Messrs. Ching Chong & Co. for a permit to build a wall in place of wooden fronts to houses Nos. 578-80 Tiendong Road, and to repair roof, wooden front and renew doors to houses Nos. 475-6 Chapoo Road.

These premises appear to have been used as Livery Stables and are in a very dilapidated condition, the rear portion is already being pulled down, the remaining posts are leaning and bent, many of the timbers are rotten and the paving has been pulled up in places. The upper floors are no longer used as living rooms and appear to have been turned into a temporary carpenter's shop

I think you will agree that this is a case where the premises are beyond repair and should be rebuilt. As a strip of the Chapoo Road frontage is scheduled for a road widening, I am having a plan prepared and will send it to you as soon as possible. In the meantime I shall be glad if you will have the work stopped.

Yours faithfully,

CHARLES MAYNE,
Engineer and Surveyor.

WALTER SCOTT, Esq.

Shanghai, March 11, 1908.

DEAR SIR,—I shall feel obliged if you will kindly inform me upon what terms you will be prepared to surrender, should the Council decide to acquire it, that portion of U.S.C. Lot 260 which is scheduled for acquisition on the official plan of Road Extensions and Widenings, measuring Mow 0.197 and coloured red on the accompanying plan.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

CHARLES MAYNE,
Engineer and Surveyor.

WALTER SCOTT, Esq.

Shanghai, March 25, 1908.

DEAR SIR,—In reply to yours of February 21 and March 11, I am instructed by the owners to inform you that they will be prepared to surrender that portion of U.S.C. Lot 260 scheduled for widening the Chapoo Road, measuring mow 0.197 as per the plan accompanying your letter, on the following terms:—

The land to be paid for at the assessed value, plus 10 per cent for compulsory surrender.

The cost of setting back the present buildings estimated at Tls. 1,800 and the loss of rent during such setting back, estimated at Tls. 300 to be paid for by the Council.

The amount payable by the Council would therefore be:—

Mow 0.197 at Tls. 16,000	
per mow	Tls. 3,152
10 per cent for compulsory surrender	315
Cost of rebuilding and compensation for loss of rent	2,100
Total Tls.	5,567

Yours faithfully,

WALTER SCOTT.

C. MAYNE, Esq.

Municipal Engineer.

Council Room,

Shanghai, April 11, 1908.

SIR,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of March 25, addressed to the Municipal Engineer, and containing your claim for the surrender of that portion of Cadastral lot 804 which is scheduled for the widening of the Chapoo Road.

So far as the rate per mow is concerned the Council accepts the figure you mention without comment, viz., Tls. 17,600. With reference, however, to your addition for rebuilding and loss of rent, I am directed to refer to the letter of the Municipal Engineer to yourself of February 21, from which it is clear that no compensation is due on this head in respect to the frontage occupied by the five houses mentioned; for the remainder the Council is content to await the demolition of the tenements in the ordinary process of time.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

WALTER SCOTT, Esq.

Shanghai, May 8, 1908.

DEAR SIR,—In reply to your letter of April 11 on the subject of that portion of the above lot scheduled for widening the Chapoo Road, I regret that I cannot agree to the terms therein proposed for its surrender.

As regards the five houses mentioned in the Municipal Engineer's letter to me dated February 21, I am unable to agree with the suggestion therein contained that these premises are beyond repair and should be rebuilt. Although it is true that from having been used as a livery stable they are in a dilapidated condition, they are not in my opinion dangerous and are quite capable of being repaired so as to last for a good many years.

This being the case, and the Council being willing to await for an indefinite period, the demolition of the remaining tenements occupying two thirds of the land in question, there seems to be no reason why the whole should not be allowed to remain or else taken *en bloc*.

Unless therefore the Municipal Engineer is prepared to condemn the five houses before referred to as dangerous structures, I must ask either that a permit be granted to repair them as previously applied for, or that the whole frontage be set back at one time. In the latter case, as these five houses are undoubtedly in poor condition I should be prepared to reduce the last item of my claim for compensation by Tls. 450, being the proportion previously claimed for cost of setting back and loss of rent in respect of these houses.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

WALTER SCOTT.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,

Secretary, Municipal Council.

Council Room,

Shanghai, June 26, 1908.

SIR,—With reference to previous correspondence on the subject of Cadastral Lot 804, in connexion with the widening of the Chapoo Road, I am directed to state that the Council is willing that the whole frontage should be set back at the same time, and accordingly authorises the acceptance of your claim as amended in your letter of May 8, amounting to Tls. 5,117.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. E. LEVESON,

Secretary.

WALTER SCOTT, Esq.

Land Commission

The awards of the Commissioners in Cases Nos. LIV, LVI and LVII are submitted and ordered for publication:—

CASE LIV.

Kiukiang Road, Cadastral Lot 39. Registered Owners: Mrs. M. G. Davis and Mr. A. Y. Seaman.

Mr. J. F. Seaman and Mr. Walter Scott attend as representing the owners.

A written statement by Mr. Seaman is put in, in support of his claim for Tls. 10,000 compensation. The Commissioners are of opinion that this is not a case for settlement on the basis of area surrendered calculated at a given rate per mow.

The widening does not in the opinion of the Commissioners result in any definite benefit to the public at the moment, and in no benefit to the owners now or at any future time. It is justified as a portion of a regular scheme of scheduling only—and private considerations have to give way on public grounds.

The owners' claim is based on an estimated loss of rental to the amount of Tls. 50 per month alleged to result from (1) a curtailment of the area of one back room on each floor in a building of five floors, (2) a diminution of light—through setting back—in the north rooms of the new building and the south rooms of the old building in rear, (3) a diminution of light in the South front of the new buildings due to the adjoining buildings on either side projecting beyond its own frontage.

The Commissioners are of opinion that the first two reasons are over-estimated and that the third is not substantiated.

It is, however, noted that the widening of the Kinkiang Road was scheduled after the erection of the large block of buildings on the northern portion of the lot, and the owners are consequently unable to re-arrange their scheme of development to the best advantage.

Taking into consideration the special circumstances of the case we assess the amount payable to the owners at Tls. 3,000 which is based on an estimated loss of rental of Tls. 15 per month capitalised at 6 per cent.

F. ANDERSON, } *Land*
GEO. W. NOËL, } *Commissioners*
LESLIE J. CUBITT, } *for 1908 9.*

Shanghai, June 27, 1908.

CASE LVI.

Foochow and Honan Roads, cadastral Lot 260. Registered Owners: Messrs. Simpson, Bennie and Dalglish.

Mr. H. W. Daldy attends on behalf of the owners.

This is a case where a widening of a corner lot has taken place and the new buildings erected on the reduced area are let to Chinese for Chinese business, as before, and the buildings, while being of superior construction, that is to say built under the foreign building rules, are only two floors in height. The owners claim that no betterment should be charged because the premises are Chinese in a Chinese locality. On the other hand the commissioners while admitting that the betterment is not great as would have been the case if the area had been covered with high foreign buildings, are of opinion that there is betterment in a lesser degree; they therefore make their award as follows:

Mow 0.219 @ Tls. 42,000	Tls. 9,198.00
Mow 0.147 @ Tls. 42,000	6,174.00
	<hr/> Tls. 15,372.00
Add 10% for compulsory surrender	1,537.20
	<hr/> Tls. 16,909.20
Less for betterment on Mow 0.147	1,000.00
	<hr/> Tls. 15,909.20
Due to the owners	<hr/> <hr/>

F. ANDERSON, } *Land*
GEO. W. NOËL, } *Commissioners*
LESLIE J. CUBITT, } *for 1908/9.*

Shanghai, June 27, 1908.

CASE LVII.

Peking and Szechuen Roads, Cadastral Lots 20 and 27. Registered Owners: Shanghai Land Investment Co., Ltd.

Mr. P. Peebles attends on behalf of the owners.

Betterment is admitted on the Szechuen Road frontage of Cadastral Lot 20 and Cadastral Lot 27 up to the corner of Jinkee Road, and so far on the Peking Road frontage as is occupied by the shop which is to be erected on the corner, but for the remainder of the Peking Road frontage betterment is denied. It is understood that the ground and first floors are designed for tea rooms with flats and offices over.

In view of the fact that when the same owners built the existing blocks on the adjoining Lot 27 in Peking Road they of their own initiative set back the buildings to within 2-ft. or so of the present scheduled line, the Commissioners are unable to appreciate the contention now put forward—and as the owners of Lot 23 were recently adjudged to have derived betterment by the widening of the road, the Commissioners award compensation as follows:

Lot 20 Mow	0.485	
„ 27 „	0.060	
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Mow 0.545 at		
Tls. 55,000.....	Tls. 29,975.00	
Add for Compulsory Surrender 10% ...	2,997.50	
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	32,972.50	
Less 1/3rd for Betterment ...	10,990.83	
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	Tls. 21,981.67	

Although not included in the reference it was suggested at the sitting of the Commission, and concurred in by the owners and the Secretary of the Council, that the claim for the strip of land forming the crossing of the Szechuen Road end of the Jinkee Road Lot 27 be settled at the same time as above surrenders.

The Commissioners see no reason why the owners should be called upon to abandon this strip to the public for less than its value as land, as the Jinkee Road being private property the strip in question is part of a whole lot and it is in the option of the owners to use it for a road or for any other purpose.

The Commissioners, therefore, award compensation as follows:

Mow 0.034 at Tls. 55,000 Tls. 1,870.

F. ANDERSON, } *Land*
GEO. W. NOËL, } *Commissioners*
LESLIE J. CUBITT, } *for 1908 9.*

Shanghai, June 27, 1908.

Cadastral Office.

A letter from the American Consul-General is read, in continuation of the correspondence published in the Municipal Gazette of April 2, from which it is observed that, in accordance with arrangements recently concluded with the British and German Offices, the American Land Office will hence-forward apply the Cadastral Office procedure to lots beyond the limits of the Settlement.

Shanghai, May 18, 1908.

SIR,—Referring to correspondence between this Consulate-General and the Municipal Council as to conduct of Land Office work which was published by the Council in Municipal Gazette No. 13 of April 2, I have the honour to call your attention to a feature of the matter which I should have made clear in that correspondence had I then been more familiar with land office procedure.

I was left under the distinct impression by officers of the municipality with whom I discussed the subject that one of the chief grounds of the Council's complaint against the American Land Office was that said office was not conducting land registry as was done in the British and German Consulates in Shanghai, in the respect that application was not invariably made by the officials in charge of the American Land Office for boundary stone certificates. That this is the burden of the Council's complaint clearly appears from your letters to me of December 7, 1907, and February 5, 1908.

Your letters above referred to make no mention of the practice in other Consulates but the fact that your fault finding is directed in published correspondence at this Consulate-General and no other is sufficient ground for the inference that the practice in other offices met the Council's approval. Not only is this a fair inference from your correspondence, but Mr. Cloud in conversation with the officials of the Cadastral Office was informed by them that in every case the British Consulate required a Cadastral boundary stone certificate before issuing the deed.

With a view, therefore, to bringing the practice in the American Land Office into conformity with what was said to be the practice in the British Office here, I directed that in all cases, whether for transfers within or without Settlement limits the Municipal Cadastral Office should be advised and that boundary stone certificates should be obtained as a necessary preliminary to the issuance of title-deeds.

The practice of the British and German Offices does not seem to have been accurately known, however, to the Cadastral Office. I am informed that the officers in charge of land registration in the British and German Consulates do not require and have not required the production of boundary stone certificates issued by the Cadastral Office before issuing title-deeds for lots outside the Settlement.

I have the honour, therefore, to inform you that in future the officer in charge of the American Land Office will no longer require boundary stone certificates for land outside Settlement limits, until such practice shall have been explicitly adopted by the other Consular land offices at Shanghai.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. DENBY,

Consul-General.

The CHAIRMAN,

Municipal Council.

Council Room,

Shanghai, June 22, 1908.

SIR,—With reference to your letter of May 18 on the subject of Cadastral Office procedure, and, in particular, of its applicability to lots beyond the Settlement, I have the honour to state that the Council regards the accurate listing of these lots and their correct plotting on the Cadastral surveys of outside districts as a matter of no little importance.

To this end, therefore, arrangements have been made whereunder the British and German Consular Land Offices have been good enough to undertake that the procedure in respect to boundary stone certificates will be applied to outside lots upon the following conditions:—

(1) The Certificates shall be issued by the Cadastral Office with the least possible delay and shall not be withheld for any reasons unconnected with boundary stones.

(2) In cases where the renter is unable to erect the stones through obstruction on the part of neighbouring owners, natives or others, it shall be at the discretion of the Land Office to issue the deed without production of the certificate, should the circumstances of the case appear to justify such a course.

(3) In any case, the issue of the deed without production of the certificate shall be at the discretion of the Land Officer, where special circumstances have arisen.

(4) The practice will be discontinued should it be found to work unsatisfactorily or to the prejudice of British and German Land renters (as, for instance if other Consulates fail to take it up within a reasonable time).

(5) The practice will be applied as regards all extra settlement lots in the Shanghai and Paoshan hsien including P'ut'ung.

Under these circumstances, and in accordance with the concluding paragraph of your letter, I have the honour to request that your Land Office may follow the same course.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

DAVID LANDALE,

Chairman.

C. DENBY, Esq.,

American Consul-General.

Shanghai, July 1, 1908.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of June 22, relative to Land Office procedure, especially with reference to lots beyond the Settlement limits, in which you state that arrangements have been made whereby the British and German Consular Land Offices have been good enough to undertake that the procedure in respect to boundary stone certificates will be applied to lots outside the Settlement upon the following conditions, viz.:—

(1) The certificates shall be issued by the Cadastral Office with the least possible delay and shall not be withheld for any reasons unconnected with boundary stones.

(2) In cases where the renter is unable to erect the stones through obstruction on the part of neighbouring owners, natives or others, it shall be at the discretion of the Land Office to issue the deed without production of the certificate, should the circumstances of the case appear to justify such a course.

(3) In any case, the issue of the title-deed without production of the certificate shall be at the discretion of the Land Officer where special circumstances have arisen.

(4) The practice will be discontinued should it be found to work unsatisfactorily or to the prejudice of British or German land renters (as, for instance, if other consulates fail to take it up within a reasonable time).

(5) The practice will be applied as regards all extra Settlement lots in the Shanghai and Paoshan hsien, including P'ut'ung.

In reply, I wish to reiterate my statements to you to the effect that I am at all times willing to co-operate with the Municipal Council in all proper measures for the protection and advancement of the legitimate interests of the Settlement, and as the correct survey and registration of land in Shanghai is of prime importance, I hereby agree to the procedure in connexion with land registration as above outlined and shall instruct the Land Office of this Consulate-General accordingly.

It is understood, of course, that the word "American" is to be substituted for the words "British or German" in item 4 of the procedure above outlined, and that the said procedure shall not apply to land in the French Settlement.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. DENBY,

Consul-General.

D. LANDALE, Esq.,

Chairman, Municipal Council.

Public School

Letter from Mr. C. S. Addis is read, announcing his selection and appointment of Miss M. Mercer and Miss G. E. Martin as Assistant Mistresses in the School. These employes will leave London per P. & O. s.s. "Nore" on July 18, and take up their duties after the summer holidays.

The meeting adjourns at 5.50 p.m.

The following documents are ordered for publication with the foregoing minutes:—

Tramways.

POLICE REGULATIONS.

1.—A car shall not be driven at such a speed as to become a danger to the Public.

2.—Except in cases of emergency cars shall only stop at official stopping places which shall be approved by the Captain-Superintendent of Police and shall be marked by placards or signposts as follows:—

(a) Red mark on a white ground shall imply compulsory stops.

(b) White ground only shall imply stops optional to alighting or boarding passengers.

3.—Cars shall be run slowly and carefully while crossing intersecting streets and when turning corners. Except in cases of emergency cars shall not stop opposite intersecting streets, and except at termini no cars shall stop in the street longer than is necessary to allow passengers to board or alight with all possible dispatch.

4.—The gates on the off-side of each car, both in front and behind, shall be kept constantly closed.

5.—Between sunset and sunrise each car shall carry two distinguishing lights one in front and one behind whereon the number of the car shall be conspicuously shown. Two danger lamps shall be carried in each car, independent of the electric current, for use in case of breakdown.

6.—Each car shall be supplied with a warning gong which the driver shall ring when the car is approaching each street crossing and whenever it may be otherwise necessary. The gong shall not, however, be rung unnecessarily.

7.—Except at a terminus or where the circumstances render it unavoidable, cars running on the same metals shall not come within eighty yards of one another.

8.—Accidents must be reported to the Police with all possible dispatch, and all property found in the cars shall be handed over to the Company who will thereafter notify the Police.

9.—If any passenger shall be found to be suffering from a contagious or infectious disease the Company's servants shall remove him from the car and the Company shall report the matter to the Health Officer and the car shall not be used again without his permission.

10.—No person shall wilfully allow a vehicle of which he is in charge to use the track of the tramway so as unnecessarily to impede the passage of a tramcar.

11.—Drivers, conductors and ticket inspectors shall, while on duty wear official uniforms with numbers or numbered badges.

12.—The Police shall give all assistance in their power to the Company and their servants in case of the infraction by passengers and others of these regulations or of the Company's bye-laws.

C. D. BRUCE,

Captain-Superintendent of Police.

COMPANY'S BYE-LAWS.

1.—No person is allowed:—

- (a) To mount, enter or leave a car whilst it is in motion or to attempt to do so.
- (b) To enter or leave a car except by the way provided on the near side of the compartment in which he intends to travel or has travelled.
- (c) To lean out of a car.
- (d) To smoke in any compartment that is not reserved for smoking.
- (e) To travel on the step or platform of a car.
- (f) To use obscene or offensive language whilst in or upon any car, to spit therein, or to commit any nuisance in, upon or against any car or wilfully interfere in any way with the comfort of any passengers.
- (g) To touch, derange, alter or modify the car mechanism, track or dependent works.
- (h) To speak to the driver when his car is in motion.
- (i) To enter or mount a car whilst in a state of intoxication.

Any such person found in or upon any car will immediately be removed by or under the direction of the conductor.

- (j) To enter or remain in any car if wearing dress or clothing which in the opinion of the conductor might soil or injure the dress or clothing of any passenger, or if, in the opinion of the conductor, such person is for any other reason offensive to passengers. Such person may be prevented from entering the car and shall not enter any car after having been requested by the conductor not to do so, and if found in any car, shall on the request of the conductor, leave the car upon the fare, if previously paid, being returned.
- (k) To enter or remain in any car if suffering from any contagious or infectious disease.
- (l) To bring upon a car any article exceeding 16-lb. in weight or one cubic foot in measurement, or which is or may become a source of inconvenience, annoyance or danger to other passengers or the Company's property. Any articles shall be carried by hand only and at the exclusive risk of the passenger.

(m) To bring any dog or other animal in or upon any of the cars.

(n) To perform upon any musical instrument whilst travelling in a car.

(o) To travel with loaded fire-arms.

(p) To obstruct or impede wilfully any officer or servant of the Company in the execution of his duty upon or in connexion with any car or tramway of the Company.

2.—A passenger shall pay the fare for the distance which he intends to travel in accordance with the authorized tariff.

3.—Each passenger shall show his ticket when required to do so by the conductor or any other duly authorized servant of the Company and shall also when required to do so either deliver up his ticket or pay the authorized fare for the distance travelled.

4.—When a compartment contains the full number of passengers which it is authorized to carry, a notice to that effect shall be placed in conspicuous letters at the entrance of the compartment.

5.—Any person offending against or committing any breach of any of these By-laws shall be liable to such a penalty as may be inflicted by the Court having jurisdiction.

D. McCOLL,

General Manager,

Shanghai Electric Construction Co., Ltd.

The above Regulations and Bye-laws are approved.

By order of the Council,

W. E. LEVESON,

Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, June 24, 1908.

Health Department.

Notification of Infectious Disease.

The following have been reported during the week ending Sunday June 28, 1908.	Death among Chinese population of 530,000	Cases notified among Non-Chinese population of 14,500.
Small-pox.	1	2
Cholera.	0	0
Typhoid Fever	—	0
Diphtheria.	0	0
Scarlet Fever.	0	0
Tuberculosis	16	0
Total Deaths from all Causes	146	2

ARTHUR STANLEY,

Health Officer.

Health Officer's Report for June.

The Public Health during June has been generally satisfactory. There have been four deaths from Tuberculosis among the foreign resident population and seventy-three deaths from the same cause among the Chinese. Tuberculosis is prevalent wherever man is closely aggregated and the exceptional prevalence in Shanghai is largely due to the overcrowding which is general. The overcrowding in the Settlement, even allowing for its wider roads, is probably greater than in the walled city. Other things being equal, Tuberculosis varies directly as overcrowding. Measures that reduce overcrowding tend to reduce the prevalence of Tuberculosis. As a primary measure, therefore, one reducing overcrowding is again recommended. There are also required for both foreigners and Chinese a hospital for advanced cases and a sanatorium for early cases.

Residents are requested to regularly inspect their kitchen arrangements so as to have them in accordance with the Public Health Notice which may be obtained at the Health Office. The remarks on page 87 of the last Annual Report relating to kitchen arrangements under "Foreign Dwellings" are recommended to be read. A little trouble taken to establish a sanitary routine in the household will be amply repaid by the resulting immunity from those bowel complaints which are the only maladies to be specially feared by the Shanghai resident and which are prevented by the use of pure food. The Sanitary staff will, as far as possible, be placed at the service of applicants who desire a special inspection of their kitchen arrangements. But it should be noted that no amount of sanitary inspection can effectually replace that personal supervision which every household should give to the preparation and service of food. As regards the preservation of health in Shanghai the purity of the food is of fundamental importance.

The following notification, translated into Chinese, is being published weekly in the native press during the summer:—

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION No. 1794.

For the Protection of Public Health no unsound food, including fruit, vegetables, ice-cream, ice-drinks and aerated waters will be allowed to be exposed for sale. Cut or peeled fruit, including melons, will be considered as unsound.

Except in the Yangtszepoo district beyond the creek, where no market facilities exist, no hawking of fresh food-stuffs will be permitted outside the Municipal Markets.

Offenders will be liable to prosecution and to have their unsound food-stuffs confiscated. Where ice-cream, ice-drink or aerated waters are found being made in an insanitary manner the apparatus of manufacture will be liable to confiscation.

Residents are requested not to patronize hawkers of fruit and other fresh food-stuffs, who come to their houses.

The examination in the Laboratory of the blood from certain fever cases has shown that Relapsing fever is probably quite common among the Chinese population and three cases have also been met with among foreigners during the month. It is probable that this fever is much more prevalent in Shanghai than has hitherto been thought, which may help in the future to clear up certain obscure cases.

A Chinese edition of the Annual Health Report containing information for preventing disease from the Chinese point of view has been distributed and can be obtained at the Health Office.

358 cattle have been brought down by the Department and sold to butchers during the month. The accommodation for cattle at the Slaughter-house is being enlarged preparatory to shutting down on the insanitary Pahsienjao cattle hongs.

Here follow tables of Vital Statistics, Infectious Disease and Outdoor Sanitary Work; Work done in the Municipal Laboratory, Municipal Hospitals and Slaughter-house; and lists of Laundries, Dairies and Dealers in Perishable Food-stuffs, etc., licensed for the protection of the Public Health.

ARTHUR STANLEY,
Health Officer.

Deaths.

	Foreign. Resident.	Non-Resident.	Native.
Small-pox	0	0	5
Cholera	0	0	0
Typhoid Fever	0	0	—
Diphtheria	0	0	1
Scarlet Fever	0	0	0
Tuberculosis	4	0	73
From all causes	22	6	650

Infectious Disease Notified Among Foreign Resident Population.

Small-pox	2
Cholera	0
Typhoid Fever	8
Diphtheria	1
Scarlet Fever	2
Tuberculosis	1
Relapsing Fever	2

Municipal Laboratory.

Small-pox Vaccine issued ...	750 tubes
Vaccinations	25
Diphtheria Antitoxin issued..	50 units
Cases undergoing anti-rabic treatment	6
Bacteriological examinations	91
Analysis	39

Slaughter-House Returns.

	Slaughtered.	Rejected at Slaughter-house.	Passed for Slaughter from Cattle-sheds.	Passed for Export from Cattle-sheds.	Rejected at Cattle-sheds.
Oxen	1339	24	1339	0	0
Sheep	2426	6	2426	25	3
Calves	316	0	316	0	0
Pigs	139	1	0	0	0

Victoria Nursing Home.

Cases Admitted	43
Discharged	40
Died	3
Remaining last day of month	19
Nursed outside the Home	2
Daily visits	0
Nursing pre-engagements	0

Isolation Hospitals

	Foreign.	Native.
Cases Admitted—Small-pox	1	1
Cholera	0	0
Typhoid Fever	0	0
Diphtheria	2	1
Scarlet Fever	2	2
Other Diseases	8	58
Discharged	10	63
Died	0	1
Remaining last day of month	5	51

Municipal Laboratory.

Report on Analysis of Water.

Sample received June 30, 1908.
Report sent out July 4, 1908.

Sample of Shanghai Waterworks Co.'s Water.

Physical Characters. — Has a greenish yellow colour with moderate opacity. Slightly alkaline reaction.

Solid Matter in Solution	12.5
a.—Volatile	5.9
b.—Fixed	6.6
Appearance on Ignition—Slight Charring	8.5
Total Hardness	4.0
a.—Temporary	4.5
b.—Permanent	2.2
Chlorine	0.0635
Nitrogen as Nitrates	0.0018
Saline Ammonia	0.0092
Albuminoid Ammonia	Nil
Poisonous Metals	Nil
Nitrites	Nil
Phosphates	Nil
Sulphates	Traces.

Bacteriological Examination. — Gelatine plates at 23°C. yielded an average of 65 microbe colonies per c.c. of which 1 in 10 were liquefying.

Agar plates at blood-heat produced four micro-organisms per c.c.

Microbes of the Coli type were present in quantities of .3 c.c. and upwards.

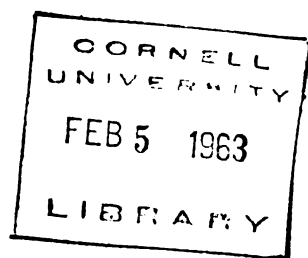
Report on Analysis—A sample of water of good degree of chemical and bacterial purity.

Licensed Dairies.

Dairy.	Situation.
EASTERN DISTRICT.	
Riverside Farm	76 Yangtzepoo Road
Shanghai Dairy	"
Inshalla Dairy Farm	71 Ward Road.
Sung Shing Dairy	Thorburn Road.
Yangtzepoo Dairy	"
Farfield Dairy	19 Kwenming Road
Wayside Dairy	1543 Tongshan Road
NORTHERN DISTRICT.	
Home Farm	N. Szechuen Road
Paoshan Dairy	Paoshan
Hongkew Dairy	N. Szechuen Road
Yong Shu Fong	N. Honan Road.
Mo Hung Shing	N. Szechuen Road
Ching Kee	N. Honan Road
Hong Kee	N. Szechuen Road
Pau hee	N. Honan Road
Shing Chee	" Range Road "
Family Farm	" Range Road "
WESTERN DISTRICT.	
The Farm	Sicawei Road.
Crawford's Dairy	" Bubbling Well Road
St. George's Farm	" " "
Swiss Farm	" " "
Culty's Farm	Route d'Oumer
Tai Woo	French Creek
Lemke's (Private) Dairy	460 Ave. Paul Brunat.
Hung Fei's Dairy	" Bubbling Well Road
Yuen Sung	" " "
Zee Butler	601 Burkill Road.
Gordon Rd. Dairy Co.	1128 Gordon Road.
Yui Chong	756 Avenue Road.
Fok Kyi	1401 " "
Hop Shing	1 Yu Yuen Road
Nee Shing	Markham Road.
Yok Kyi	Medhurst Road.

Licensed Laundries.

Laundry.	Situation.
EASTERN DISTRICT.	
Ah Chow	465.6 Dent Road
Ah Kung	467 do.
Old Ah Foo	469.71 do.
Jackson	472.3 do.
Big Sam	66.8 Dent Lane:
Jim	1858 Seward Road
Wo Yue	1859 do.
Yu Shing	1860 do.
Ching Kee	1861 do.
Mew Shing	1862 do.
Ah Ling	1863 do.
Big Sam	1192 Yuhang Road
Ah Kee	222 Tongshan Rd.
Yung Woo	222A do
No. 1 Kashing	262.3 Harbin Road
No. 2	260.1 do.
No. 3	258.9 do.
No. 4	257.8 do.
No. 5	256 do.
No. 6	255 do.
No. 7	254 do.
No. 8	253 do.
No. 9	251.2 do.
No. 10	250.1 do.
No. 11	249 do.
No. 12	248 do.
No. 13	247 do.
No. 13	246 do.
No. 14	245.6 do.
No. 15	243.4 do.
No. 16	242 do.
No. 17	241 do.
No. 18	240 do.
Nos. 19-50	239-215 do.
NORTHERN DISTRICT.	
Yok Sing	846 Woosung Road.
Miller	308 Miller Road.
Chin Kee	1113 Woosung Road
Nos. 2 to 9	Nos. 512 to 519 Range Road.
International L'dy	1381 Haining Road
Wong Ah San	402A Chapoo Road.
Chapoo No. 1	402B Chapoo Road.
Chapoo No. 2	N. Szechuen Rd. Ex.
N. Y. K.	2872 Haining Road.
Yah Tah Sung	517.518 N. Szechuen Rd. Ex.
	709.722 do.
WESTERN DISTRICT.	
Yung Shing Washing Co.	314.309 O'king Rd.
Woo Kee Washing Co.	259 Taku Road.
Doo Foo Washing Co.	55 Yates Road.
Ziang Shing	24 Weihaiwei Rd.
Shanghai Steam Laundry	451 " "
Shz Shing Washing Co.	105 " "
Yung Sung Washing Co.	210 " "
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Licensed Butchers, Poultry, Game and Vegetable Dealers.	
Butchers.	Situation.
NORTHERN DISTRICT.	
W. Futterer	1106 Broadway
Fritz Pasche	7 " "
R. Neumann	Astor Road
Wong Sie Shang	72 Tiendong Road
Kyung Yue Shing	671 " "
Tsiang Ka Va	672 " "
Lo Jung	957 Woosung Road
Sien Kam Cheong	5 and 6 Market Road
Wong Yeek Sang	17 " "
Vee Ching Kee	1457 Woosung Road
An Sing	1578 " "
CENTRAL DISTRICT.	
Hop Foong	17 Maloo Market.
Hong Kee	19 " "
Yeh Tai	27 " "
Tsin Tai	28 " "
Yung Tai Foh	29 " "
Hopkins	1 Ningpo Road
Vegetable and Game.	
Tsau Sung Ling	677 Tiendong Road.
Yue Ming Kwai	1451 Woosung Road.
Vee Fah Kee	122 Market Road.
Sau Z. Yoong	32 & 33 Miller Road.
CENTRAL DISTRICT.	
Tsau Sung Ling	12 Maloo Market.
Ling Yun Kung	14 " "
Tsu Chee Ling	15 " "
Vie Ah Sun	16 " "
Loh Ah Sai	18 " "
Nui Ah Char	26 " "
Zung Tsau Ming	30 " "
Bah Yung Ling	31 " "
Zung Set Ling	32 " "
Chu Wai Chu	33 " "



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SATURDAY, JULY 18, 1908.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, July 8, 1908, at 4.30 p.m., there are present :

Messrs. D. Landale (*Chairman*)
A. W. Burkill
W. D. Little
R. S. F. McBain
J. H. McMichael
O. Meuser
W. A. C. Platt
J. Prentice
The Secretary and
Assistant Secretary.

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

New Member.

Mr. Macray takes his seat and is appointed to serve on the Watch Committee, also on that of the Public School for Chinese.

Volunteers.

A letter from the Commandant is read, desiring permission to retire in November next instead of at the expiry of his appointment in March, 1909. Colonel Watson's reasons for this step are that impending changes in his regiment render his return before the end of the year of considerable importance. It is also noted that it would be inconvenient for the command of the Corps to change hands during the training, and Colonel Watson's request is accordingly granted. In the meanwhile, following the course adopted in 1902, a communication will be addressed to the War Office as to the appointment of his successor.

Police.

Foreign Branch.—Constables Scott and Wade are dismissed the Force, with effect from July 8, for gross misconduct and as a result of proceedings in H. M. Police Court.

The service of Constable Messenger will terminate on July 21, and that of Constables Baker and Butler on July 23, the dates of expiry of their agreements.

Indian Branch.—I.P.C. 423, Khan Singh, having deserted the Force on July 4, is dismissed with effect from that date.

Mixed Court.

House of Detention.—The Police report of July 6 contains particulars as to the origin of the recent petition by the occupants of this building. This report is calculated to correct a mistaken impression which has arisen as to the attitude of civil suit defendants towards the question of Police inspection, and is ordered for inclusion in the minutes.

HOUSE OF DETENTION.

With reference to the published petition by the civil prisoners in the Mixed Court to Magistrate Pao, directed against the Police visiting the cells, inquiries amongst the prisoners have elicited the following information :—

The men were informed that, on and after July 1, two Sikh policemen would be always on duty in the House of Detention, which would be placed under the same rules and regulations as the Ward Road Gaol. They were then invited to place their names on a petition which was brought round. They informed the Sub-Inspector that they did not object to the Police making inquiries in the cells, as they were aware that the Police always did their best to see that they were not unjustly treated or illegally detained. This was the view expressed by various prisoners on each of the floors.

M. O. SPRINGFIELD,
2nd Assistant Superintendent.
Shanghai, July 6, 1908.

Forwarded

C. D. BRUCE,
Captain-Superintendent.

Case of Embezzlement.—The Captain-Superintendent forwards a special report as to the case of Yui Chi-dan, who has been confined at the Central Station since December 19, 1907, on the complaint of the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha. The case was remanded on January 23 *sine die*, and it is decided to address the Consul-General for Japan in the matter, with a view to terminating the present unsatisfactory state of affairs :—

Council Room.
Shanghai, July 9, 1908.

SIR.—I am directed to bring to your notice the case of a Chinese named Yui Chi-dan (袁紀堂) who was charged

at the Mixed Court on December 19, 1907, with embezzlement of Tls. 6,200 from the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha. This prisoner was brought before the Court for the second time on January 28, and the case was remanded *sine die*. During the six months which have since elapsed he has remained in Police custody without further trial though it appears that requests have been addressed to you by the Magistrate asking that an Assessor be appointed to conclude the case.

It appears to the Council irregular that a man should remain at the Police Station indefinitely, and I am therefore directed to enquire when the final hearing can take place, and to express the hope that, in the interests of regular procedure, an early date may be fixed therefor.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. E. LEVESON,

Secretary.

H. EITAKI, Esq.,
Consul-General for Japan.

Note.—From the Return of July 10 it appears that the accused was on that day brought before the Court with another native found to be an accessory. They were sentenced respectively to one year and to nine months imprisonment.

Native Inquests.—Referring to an incident which took place on May 22, wherein a man fell from a window in the Sinza Road under circumstances which pointed to foul play, and to the refusal of the City Magistrate to hold an inquest in the case, the following letter is ordered for publication :—

Council Room.
Shanghai, June 29, 1908.

SIR.—The question of native inquests, and the importance of initiating some measure of improved procedure therefor, has been brought to the Council's notice from time to time by the officer administering the Police Force, and I have now the honour on the Council's behalf to lay the facts before the Consular Body with a view to obtaining the sanction of the local native officials to revised methods of holding these very necessary courts of inquiry.

The Rules for the Mixed Court of 1869 contain provision (Art. 4) that:—

"Inquests, when needed, are to be held by the District Magistrate of Shanghai, independently of the Sub-Prefect," and the practice which has grown up around the words "when needed" is that the objection of the relatives of the deceased, or payment of compensation monies, or other reasons not stated, are continually urged and adopted as sufficient warrant for dispensing with inquests.

There is little doubt that the practice which obtains in Europe and by which, in all cases of sudden death or death by misadventure or suicide or where the cause is unknown or where the Police have reason to suspect foul play some form of magisterial inquiry is held, should be applied in the Settlement.

It is further unquestionably desirable that the authorities holding the inquiry should have access to all evidence and be empowered when necessary to direct a post-mortem examination.

That the present *régime* does not provide for these contingencies, and that the Magistrate does not avail himself of these resources, form, in the Council's opinion, strong reasons for revised procedure.

The importance of this matter, from a Police point of view, is increasing, and I have the honour to suggest that, if the Consular Body is able to take any steps therein, an endeavour should be made to secure that inquests be held in future under the dual authority of deputies of the Taotai and the Consular Body, upon lines analagous to those upon which the rest of the work at the Mixed Court is performed.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

DAVID LANDALE,

Chairman.

D. SIFFERT, Esq.,

Consul-General for Belgium,
and Senior Consul.

Health Department

The resignation of Assistant Inspector Gale after fourteen years in the Council's service is accepted with effect from September 14, the date of expiry of his leave.

Public Band.

The minutes of the meeting of the Band Committee of June 30 are read and confirmed. There were present:—

Messrs. C. Fink (*Chairman*)
N. G. Maitland
O. Menser
The Conductor and
Assistant Secretary.

Public Performances.—It is decided to issue the usual midsummer notification with reference to performances in the Public Garden and Public Recreation Ground. The Wednesday performance will be in the Hongkew Recreation Ground upon the completion of the erection of a new bandstand, an estimate of the cost of which is in preparation.

Reference is made to the possibility of continuing the Sunday concerts, and omitting one of the week-day performances, but the Conductor states that the musicians prefer, if possible, to have Sunday free.

Case of Musician Klaus.—This employee having adhered to his wish to resign, has been permitted to leave Shanghai in accordance with the Committee's previous decision. It is noted that in accordance with his undertaking of October last, his passage home is paid by himself.

Manila Musicians.—Further report by the Conductor as a result of changes in the grouping of the thirty-one Manilamen, is submitted, modifying his first proposals. He recommends the re-engagement of eighteen of the musicians whose agreements are now expiring and the discharge of the remaining ten. This will result in a temporary decrease of the pay list by the amount of \$560 monthly.

Proceeding to the discussion of the manner in which the vacancies thus created are to be filled, it is noted that the present number of musicians is thirty-nine, but the complement named by the Conductor as sufficient is thirty-six. On the departure of ten Manilamen and one German eight vacancies will remain to be filled. The Conductor recommends that three of these be filled by men who resigned some years ago and whose re-engagement is therefore sanctioned on three months' probation. The engagement of five new men from Manila will be necessary.

Discussing the best means of ensuring satisfactory selection, it is decided in the first place to address Messrs. Alfredo Roensch & Co. of Manila, who formerly conducted arrangements in this connexion on the Council's behalf, requesting information as to the local rates of pay for good musicians. Future action must largely depend on this information.

Municipal Properties.

Western Police Depot.—The Engineer reports that the beneficial owner of Cadastral lot 3845, which is required for completing this site, is prepared to accept Tls. 4,000 for his lot. Building work on this property is about to be undertaken, and it is of importance that the portion in question be acquired as soon as possible. The price though regarded as high, is therefore accepted. Area Mow 1.01.

Road Extensions and Widening.

Shanse Road.—Arrangements have been concluded for the acquisition of the scheduled strip of Cadastral lot 198 at the assessed value, plus 10 per cent, and less one-third for betterment the road being one of thirty feet in width. Mow 0.175, Tls. 2,567. Registered owner Mr. H. M. Schultz.

Tenders.

The following are authorized for acceptance:—

Installation of electric light at the new buildings at the Hongkew Police Station, Messrs. E. E. Porter & Co., Ltd., \$590.

Painting exterior of roof, windows in east and west sides, and three rooms at the Town Hall, A. Ling & Co. Tls 499.

Supply of three sheds for new engines and boilers at Pingchiao Quarry, Joe Ming-kee, Tls. 868.

Recess.

The annual recess is fixed for the first two weeks in August, and it is decided that no meetings of the Council will be held between July 29 and August 19.

The meeting adjourns at 5.45 p.m.

The following documents are ordered for publication with the foregoing minutes:—

Health Department.

Notification of Infectious Disease.

The following have been reported during the week ending Sunday July 12, 1908.	Death among Chinese population of 530,000	Cases notified among Non-Chinese population of 14,500.
Small-pox.	0	0
Cholera.	0	0
Typhoid Fever	—	1
Diphtheria.	0	1
Scarlet Fever.	1	0
Tuberculosis	32	1
Total Deaths from all Causes	162	4

ARTHUR STANLEY,

Health Officer.

Electrical Engineer's Report for May.

GENERATION.—The boiler-house plant is in good order, Nos. 6 and 9 boilers have been thoroughly cleaned and overhauled.

The two fan engines have been overhauled.

The engine-room steam generators have been working satisfactorily.

The negative booster has now been joined up and is working satisfactorily.

DISTRIBUTION. Low-tension Distributors.—The following extensions were made:—

Yangtszepoo Road	470 yds	.034
Taku	1020 "	.034
N. Honan	275 "	.034
Museum	160 "	.060
Kweichow	154 "	.022
Seward	390 "	.034
Wei Hai Wei	304 "	.034
Boone	140 "	.022

The following enlargements were made:—

Broadway	130 yds.	.159
"	94 "	.076

The direct current circuit was extended:—

Soochow Road	467 yds.	.606
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A low-tension feeder was run along the Bund from the Hongkong Bank S.S. 235 yds. 124

Public Lighting.—Six additional arc lamps were erected during the month.

Sub-stations.—The Range Road Sub-station was enlarged from 40 to 55 K. W.

Poles.—Twelve poles erected and four renewed.

House Services.—Sixty-two new house service connexions were made during the month.

Equivalent 8 c.p. Lamps.—4,348 equivalent 8 c.p. lamps were added during the month.

COMPARATIVE TABLE.

	1908	1907
Total lamps connected	153,825	116,671
Total H. P. in Motors	406	275
Units generated	410,407	258,103
Units sold and accounted for ...	356,014	184,971
Ratio	86.74	71.66
Coal per unit generated lbs....	5.67	8.99
Coal per unit sold, etc. lbs.	6.53	12.54

A. H. BLAGDEN,
Deputy Electrical Engineer.

Departmental Report of the Superintendent of Parks and Open Spaces to the Municipal Engineer for June.

The wet weather which prevailed throughout the month whilst inevitably causing a general suspension of the greater part of outside work has imparted to shrubs, trees and turf, the stimulus they required to ensure their success during the warm weather. Moreover the periodical heavy rains have cleared the trees of the majority of insect pests for which they were suffering during May to an exceptional extent. Work generally consisted of the general routine of maintenance, i.e., mowing, rolling, etc.

The bedding out of tropical flowering plants is completed.

Public Gardens.—With the exception of the tar macadam which is delayed by the rain, the laying out of the section near the Garden Bridge is completed. The arrangement necessitated a somewhat large expense of tar macadam which is broken up by two beds planted with palms.

Reserve Garden.—A commencement has been made to the sloping of the banks adjoining the Bridge and the removal of debris is completed.

In the houses the most notable plants in flower are *Eranthemum albiiflorum* and *Dipladinia amabilis* both of which are in flower here for the first time.

Hongkew Recreation Ground.—The raising of the north-west section is completed. The excavating of the lake and the raising of the adjoining land

are also practically completed, and the preliminary delineation of the paths and borders commenced. A tender has been accepted for the raising of the section between the Swimming Bath and Park entrance which when effected will complete the entire raising of this ground

Privet.—Since the issue of Municipal Notification No. 1915 a considerable number of coolies have been employed removing the privet flowers especially on premises adjoining public thoroughfares.

There appears to be considerable amount of misapprehension regarding privet. There are only two species grown locally, *Ligustrum sinensis*, a small semi-evergreen shrub flowering about the beginning of June, and *Ligustrum lucidum* commonly called "Laurel" an evergreen shrub with lucid leaves, very largely planted as hedges and screens, flowering about the beginning of July. It is only whilst in flower that they cause catarrh.

Trees on Roads.—All the trees have been examined to ascertain that the fastenings and supports are secure the majority of them have been refastened.

Trees fastened.

Connaught Road.....	340
Kiaochiao Road	183
Bubbling Well Road ...	33
Ferry Road.....	83
Robison Road... ..	145
Siccawei Road	255
Edinburgh Road.....	197
Thibet Road	26
Weihaiwei Road	170
Great Western Road...	276
Seymour Road	100
Yates Road.....	40
Tongshan Road	66
Range Road	62
Jessfield Road	50
Gordon Road	65
Avenue Road	63
Ichang Road	15
Medhurst Road	10
Nanyang Road	44
Yangtszepoo Road.....	63
Whangpoo Road	11
The Bund	23
Soochow Road	16
Fearon Road	9
North Soochow Road...	24
Szechuen Road	107
Honan Road	9
	2,485

New Poles used on Roads.

Avenue Road	42
Gordon Road	58
Medhurst Road	5
Ichang Road	5
Great Western Road...	12
Ferry Road	20
Seymour Road	8
Kiaochiao Road	9
Robison Road	18
Siccawei Road	30
Bubbling Well Road...	14
Weihaiwei Road.....	33
Jessfield Road	8
	262

Flowering Plants Planted.

Public Garden	3354
Chinese Public Garden	500
Victoria Nursing Home	240
Sinza Police Station...	591
Bubbling Well Police St.	794
Hongkew Park	160
	5,639

D. MACGREGOR,
Superintendent.

Report of Captain-Superintendent of Police for June.

Strength of the Force on June 30, 1908.

Officers... ..	8
Foreigners	209
Indians	496
Chinese	883
Total...	1596

1.—The first instalment of opium-houses drawn to be closed within Settlement limits have been shut up. The proprietors have quietly accepted the situation and are turning to other means of livelihood in which it is to be hoped success will follow them. There is, however, still one question which will repay inquiry and that is to what extent the private smoking of opium increases as the public and licensed houses are shut up.

2.—Reference has already been made in the Municipal Gazette to the inception of a form of crime new to Shanghai, viz., vitriol throwing. Mention of the occurrence is only made on this occasion in order to direct the attention of the public to the fact that methods of modern crime may be expected to spread throughout the Far East, and in order to draw attention to the fact that it may be necessary for the safety of the public to place in the hands of the Police special powers to deal with such crimes.

3.—During the month of June several cases of a somewhat serious nature concerning the Indian community have appeared.

In one case a European was openly charged with murder by an Indian, and obtained no redress, and in other cases, crimes of robbery and assault were considered to be met by the infliction of small fines. The deterrent effect of such penalties to Indians as small fines are from the Police point of view of little value. Such fines are at once subscribed by the offender's friends and associates and the man himself is immediately free to continue a course of dissolute living varied by actual crime.

Here follow tables of persons coming under the notice of Police for criminal and other offences, punishments inflicted, prisoners in custody, vehicle licenses suspended and confiscated, dogs captured, etc., value of property stolen and recovered, and warrants and summonses.

C. D. BRUCE,

Captain-Superintendent of Police.

Return of Persons coming under Notice of Police for Criminal and other Offences.				Prisoners in Custody on June 30, 1908..	
Offences.	Foreigners	Natives	Total		
(a) OFFENCES AGAINST THE PERSON:—				Central Station	71
Manslaughter		2	2	Louza Station	106
Attempted suicide		2	2	Hongkew Station	135
Cutting and wounding		1	1	West Hongkew Station	69
Assault	11	81	92	Harbin Road Sub-Station	12
Kidnapping		37	37	Wayside Station	28
Cruelty to and trafficking on women and children		13	13	Gaol	751
Bringing false charges	1	1	2	Yangtsepoo Station	13
(b) OFFENCES AGAINST RIGHTS OF PROPERTY:—				Sinza Station	40
Robbery		3	3	Bubbling Well Station	22
Embezzlement		4	4		
Extortion	1	12	13	Total	1,247
Burglary		22	22		
Housebreaking		2	2		
Obtaining goods or money by false pretences	1	19	20		
Fraud		6	6		
Receiving stolen property		11	11		
Unlawful possession or detention		37	37		
Forgery	1	3	4		
Uttering spurious notes		2	2		
Larceny	5	343	348		
Criminal negligence (fires)		7	7		
Civil Offences:—Debt	1	37	38		
Breach of Contract		26	26		
Others		10	10		
(c) ACTS INJURIOUS TO THE PUBLIC:—					
Common nuisances		1658	1658		
Vagrancy	1	32	33		
Returning after expulsion		20	20		
Disorderly and improper conduct	8	233	241		
Soliciting prostitution		54	54		
Depositing garbage		171	171		
Traffic:—Furious driving		32	32		
Obstruction	1	2181	2182		
Arms, unlawfully carrying	1	5	6		
Publishing indecent documents		2	2		
Storing straw in excessive quantity		1	1		
Public gambling		33	33		
Illegal arrest or detention		4	4		
Insanitary premises		17	17		
Cruelty to animals		4	4		
Selling unsound fruits		45	45		
Breach of license conditions:—Liquor	1	5	6		
Dog	10		10		
Dairy		1	1		
Laundry		3	3		
Opium		7	7		
Pawnshop		3	3		
Teashop		5	5		
Lodging-house		2	2		
Miscellaneous		75	75		
(d) NOT CHARGED:—					
Beggars, Hawkers, Ragpickers	28	2953	2953		
Others		237	265		
Total ...	71	8464	8535		

Return of Sentences				Vehicle Licenses.	
Sentence.	Foreigners	Natives	Total		
Imprisonment	9	452	461		
Cangue		5	5		
Expulsion or deported	3	7	10		
Fined	18	463	481		
Imprisonment and cangue		10	10		
" " expulsion		65	65		
" " fined		3	3		
Bail forfeited		3966	3966		
Remanded	1	6	7		
Cautioned	3	12	15		
Dismissed	4	83	87		
Released on Security	2	68	68		
Left to Court		64	64		
Handed to parents or guardians		13	13		
Sent to Reformatory		5	5		
" Sinza Refuge		22	22		
" Door of Hope		8	8		
" Native Authorities		11	11		
" French Police	1	8	9		
Charge withdrawn		3	3		
Detained until claimed		2	2		
Sent on board ship	1		1		
Committed for trial	1		1		
Total ...	43	5274	5317		

Value of Property Stolen between May 30 and June 26, 1908.			Dogs.	
Stolen			At Kennels May 31, 08	20
Recovered			Captured	138
			Returned	19
			Killed	121
			Remaining at Kennels	18

Warrants and Summonses.			Dollars	
Warrants executed	32		Stolen	20,360.14
Summonses served	173		Recovered	11,488.00

Dogs.			Dollars	
At Kennels May 31, 08	20	} 158		
Captured	138			
Returned	19	} 158		
Killed	121			
Remaining at Kennels	18			

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No. 29.

SATURDAY, JULY 25, 1908.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, July 15, 1908, at 4.30 p.m., there are present :

Messrs. D. Landale (*Chairman*)

A. W. Burkill

W. D. Little

H. A. J. Macray

R. S. F. McBain

O. Menser

W. A. C. Platt

J. Prentice

The Secretary and

Assistant Secretary.

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Volunteers.

Customs Company.—The resignation of 2nd Lieutenant F. H. Bell, forwarded by the Commandant, is received and recorded.

Police.

Foreign Branch.—The following promotions are authorized :—

C. Dewing to be 1st-Class Inspector from July 21.

T. I. Vaughan to be 1st-Class Sergeant from July 16.

J. Burnside to be 1st-Class Sergeant from July 16.

Constables Fraser and McKay are appointed Plain Clothes Constables as from July 1 with an allowance of Tls. 12.50 per mensem.

The service of Constable H. J. S. Jones terminates with effect from July 18 upon repayment of the cost of his enlistment and passage.

Special Rewards.—With regard to a case of murder on July 9, and to the assistance rendered by two native hawkers in arresting the murderer, one of whom subsequently died, the Captain-Superintendent recommends rewards of \$10 to the survivor and \$100 to the relatives of the deceased. He is of opinion that the issue of such grants will prove an incentive to the native public in the future to render similar assistance to the Police, and the issue is authorized.

Premium Bonds.—A letter from Messrs. W. Hoffmann & Co. is read, desiring that the Council will publish a memorandum to the effect that traffic in premium bonds does not constitute a lottery. Therewith is submitted a copy of an article from a recent number of "Truth" which shows that doubt prevails in England as to the status of these bonds. It is decided to furnish a copy of this article for Messrs. Hoffmann's information, and further to state that the Council is unwilling to take any further action in the matter at present.

Mixed Court.

Corporal Punishment.—With reference to the murder of a hawker in Yunnan Road committed by a loafer the following extract from a special Police report on the subject is read :—

"I have frequently called attention to the danger to life and property in the presence of such characters in the Settlement.

"The particular case referred to has turned out to be one of murder, but I submit that there are in the Settlement scores of men of the same character : loafers by profession who are nothing more or less than potential murderers.

"I would once more beg to call attention to the absence of bambooning in the Settlement and I would ask that steps be taken to re-introduce this punishment."

C. D. BRUCE.

Captain-Superintendent.

Opium Houses.

The Chairman expresses the opinion that it would be desirable to settle before the Recess what steps, if any, should be taken for closing a further instalment of the licensed opium-houses, and the matter will, therefore, have the attention of the Watch Committee at an early date.

Sale of Fire-arms.

The Overseer of Taxes reports that for the June quarter not more than six firms have taken out licences in accordance with Notification No. 1908, and from returns submitted it appears that importations since April 1 have consisted almost entirely of sporting guns and "samples."

In respect to the former no licence is required, and as to the latter the Council regards the importation of a sample rifle as the equivalent of "keeping a place for the sale of fire-arms," and thus rendering the importer liable to licence : otherwise the onus of detecting when business is done would fall upon the Tax Office.

Health Department.

Sanatorium at the Saddles.—An offer by Mr. H. Morris of a red stone bungalow on the North Saddle Island for use as a sanatorium for Shanghai is considered, and, while concurring in the view of the Health Officer that the island provides an excellent summer resort, the Council is of opinion that acceptance of the offer would be inadvisable until regular steamer communication is established.

Suza Market.—Referring to the forthcoming removal of this market to its new site in the Avenue Road, the Health Officer's recommendation is adopted that the building be enlarged by one-third, the present market being practically full.

Public Works Department.

Supply of Cement.—Five tenders are received in response to Notification No. 1903, and the recommendation of the Engineer is adopted to renew the existing contracts as follows :—

Shewan, Tomes & Co., Green Island, 350 casks per mensem at Tls. 3.50.

Ilbert & Co., Haiphong, 100 casks per mensem at Tls. 3.20.

The following tenders are also submitted :—

Arnhold, Karberg & Co., Saturn, Tls. 3.98 per cask.

W. Diercks, Saturn, Tls. 4.50 per cask.

Garnett & Co., Ltd., Hilton Anderson, 5s. 2d. per cask f.o.b. London.

Street Advertisements.—Letter from the Eastern Advertising Agency is submitted, seeking permission to erect two small kiosks on the Bund, in positions to be approved, for the sale of newspapers, books, etc. The Council is opposed to the introduction of these kiosks in any form and a reply in this sense is directed.

Eastern District Depot.—The Engineer's proposal to erect a temporary roller shed and office for the Eastern District on the land between the Wayside Market and the warders' quarters at the Gaol is approved, at a cost of about Tls. 300.

Public Lighting.

A report by the Engineer is submitted on the subject of the minute published on July 2 from which it appears that, provided the new incandescent electric lamps are as efficient as is anticipated, the difference in cost between gas and electricity is not an appreciable factor affecting the use of the latter. The Council, therefore, directs that the new lamps be given a trial, preferably in the Central and Northern Districts.

Road Extensions and Widenings

Cunningham Road.—In the general interest of traffic the completion of the north section of this road is authorized at an estimated cost of Tls. 1,000, the usual contributions being obtained from the frontage holders.

North Szechuen Road.—Letter from the Range Property Syndicate is read, relating to a proposed new road following the line of the Railway from the Hongkew Recreation Ground to the site of the former Rifle Butts Station. The Engineer's suggestion is that, upon the surrender of the requisite land free, and upon receipt of contributions

amounting to one-half of the cost of making up, the Council should carry out the work. The Works Committee is of opinion that the road will be largely in the interests of the adjoining owners, and, being beyond Settlement limits, the members are not favourably disposed towards the scheme. On the other hand it is clear the road will provide a loop for the tramway line if extended to the Recreation Ground, and will prevent congestion of traffic. Since the Syndicate is unwilling to surrender their strip of the proposed new road without compensation, no further action in this matter is considered necessary at present.

North Fokien Road.—The question of compensation payable in respect to the strip of Cadastral lot 212 scheduled for the widening of the above road will be referred to the Land Commission for settlement in terms of the following correspondence :—

Shanghai, March 28, 1908.

DEAR SIR,—I shall feel obliged if you will kindly inform me upon what terms you will be prepared to surrender, should the Council decide to acquire it, that portion of B.C. Lot 2818, which is scheduled for acquisition on the official plan of Road Extensions and Widening, measuring Mow 0.059 and coloured red and yellow on the accompanying plan.

The scheduling of larger corners on the Road Widening plans for the current year necessitates the acquisition of a larger area than that shown on the plan previously sent you (May 29, 1907).

Yours faithfully,

CHARLES MAYNE,
Engineer & Surveyor.

E. JENNER HOGG, Esq.,

Council Room,

Shanghai, June 25, 1908.

SIR,—Referring to the strip of Cadastral lot 212, scheduled for the widening of the North Fokien Road, and to your conversation on the subject with the Municipal Engineer, I am directed to inform you that the Council, in accordance with the practice obtaining in similar instances, is prepared to pay compensation at the assessed value of the property, with 10 per cent added for compulsory surrender, and less one-third for betterment.

In regard to the three houses which have not been burnt the Council is willing either to pay a further sum of Tls. 300 as reinstatement charges, or to employ its own contractor to set the houses back to the new building line.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

E. JENNER HOGG, Esq.,

Shanghai, June 30, 1908.

SIR.—I am in receipt of your letter of June 25 and regret that your proposal in regard to compensation for the widening of North Fokien Road seems to be inadequate.

I must demur to there being any "practice" in instances similar to this. Cases must differ and stand on their individual merits. There is no betterment in this case and in fact the property suffers. Rentals are diminished by the proposed surrenders. The "rounding off" of the corners to the extent shown in the plan, also decreases the frontage very much.

The following seems a fair adjustment if you wish the whole proposal to be carried out:—

	Tls.
Portion coloured red now 0.039	
@ Tls. 16,000 plus 10% ...	686
Permanent loss of rental, through decreased frontage...	1,125
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	Tls. 1,811

Portion coloured yellow which need not now be rebuilt and can therefore remain as it is:—

	Tls.
Land now 0.02 @ Tls. 16,000 plus 10%	352.00
Cost of reconstructing 4 houses	900.00
Loss of rent during rebuilding	45.00
Permanent loss of rental, through decreased frontage	562.50
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	Tls. 1,859.50

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,
E. JENNER HOGG.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,
Secretary, Municipal Council.

Council Room,

Shanghai, July 8, 1908.

SIR.—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of June 30, on the subject of the compensation payable in respect of the widening of the North Fokien Road, ex Cadastral lot 212. In view of the wide difference between the amount of your claim, and that of the offer set forth in my letter of June 25, the Council is of opinion that it would be well, under the circumstances, if the matter be referred to the Land Commission for settlement.

Notice of the date fixed by the Commissioners for the hearing of the case will be conveyed to you in due course.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

E. JENNER HOGG, Esq.,

Shanghai, July 10, 1908.

SIR.—I am, to-day, in receipt of your letter dated 8th instant, and regret that the Council do not agree to my claim for compensation in regard to the widening of North Fokien Road.

As the Council do not accept the terms I offered, and which appear to be reasonable, I prefer to withdraw that portion thereof marked yellow on the plan.

I adhere, however, to the claim in respect of the portion marked red, which the Council may think fit to reconsider in view of the fact that the frontage is very considerably diminished and is out of all proportion to the area to be paid for.

I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully,
E. JENNER HOGG.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,
Secretary, Municipal Council.

Council Room,

Shanghai, July 18, 1908.

SIR.—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of July 10, on the subject of the widening of the North Fokien Road ex Cadastral lot 212 and, in reply thereto, I am to state that the Council, noting the withdrawal of your offer of surrender of the strip coloured yellow on the plan furnished to you, will refer the matter of compensation to the Land Commission only in respect to that southern portion coloured red and measuring Mow 0.039.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

E. JENNER HOGG, Esq.,

Myburgh Road.—A schedule of the probable cost of the section of this road between the Bubbling Well and Burkill Roads is submitted, from which it appears that, even were no betterment held to accrue to the inside lots, the total cost of the section is estimated to be under Tls. 19,000, which expenditure will be spread over a number of years. The Council by a majority considers that this price is by no means prohibitive, when the value of the connexion to the public is taken into consideration: it is therefore decided to proceed with the scheme, calling for claims as usual from the owners concerned. The Chairman dissents from this decision and considers the road unnecessary.

Land Commission.

The awards of the Commissioners in Cases Nos. LII, LIII and LV are submitted and ordered for transmission to the concerned and publication as usual:—

CASE LII.

Lay Road, Cadastral Lot 8019. Registered Owners: Messrs. Atkinson & Dallas.

Mr. R. M. Saker attends on behalf of the owners.

In this case the Council at the request of adjoining owners raised and metalled a 12-ft. strip as an approach to their properties, the necessary land being surrendered free. The owners of Lot 8019 declined, however, to concur in this on the ground that the foot bridge which crosses the Yangtsepoo Creek immediately opposite the centre of their lot affords and will continue to afford all the access required or that will be required when the property is developed.

In the opinion of the Commissioners the advantage to be derived from the construction of roads on the N. E. side of the creek is beyond question, more especially in the case of Lot No. 8019, as R.E. No. 47 will connect with No. 70 by means of a wide bridge in place of the present foot bridge, and R.E. No. 54 will form the S. E. boundary of the lot. A more effectual scheme for improving the property could hardly be devised and the Commissioners accordingly confirm the Council's demand for a free surrender of the scheduled strip.

F. ANDERSON, } Land
GEO. W. NOËL, } Commissioners
LESLIE J. CUBITT, } for 1908/9.
Shanghai, July 4, 1908.

CASE LIII.

Manila Road, Cadastral Lot 1762. Registered Owner: Mr. C. Rayner.

Mr. Halse of Messrs. Moorhead & Halse attends on behalf of the owner.

This case has been the subject of correspondence since August 1904. In August 1906 it was contended by the owner that owing to the projected road cutting diagonally through his lot the triangular piece left over on the north side was rendered practically valueless for building purposes. A certain basis of value was, however, established by the owner refusing the Council's offer to purchase this piece and half the required road at Tls. 3,000 per mow. Since that date its value for building purposes has been determined by the erection of a row of shops covering the entire piece.

It is now claimed, however, that owing to the undesirable shape of the land caused by the angle at which the Manila Road cuts through it, the return in rentals is not as good as it would have been, had the land been covered with Hong buildings as originally intended, and further that it is not always possible to create a mart for Chinese within easy reach of another and well-established centre.

The Commissioners note that free surrenders on this road were made by Messrs. Moorhead & Halse from Lot No. 1685 and by Messrs. Atkinson & Dallas from Lot No. 1686.

The Council intimate that as 30-ft. is generally considered a sufficient width for Chinese roads and the Manila Road is 40-ft. wide, they are willing to pay for the extra 10-ft. strip.

In reviewing all the facts of the case, the Commissioners hold that the owner has not substantiated his original contention, moreover it is to be observed that if Hongs had been erected a considerable area would have been

required for alleys. They are of opinion that the temporary disadvantages at present attaching to the shops will disappear when the road is completed, which they understand will be shortly, and that justice will be done by payment of compensation as under.

They therefore make their award as follows:

Mow 0.702 @ Tls. 3,000	
per mow Tls. 2,106.00	
Add 10% for compulsory surrender	210.60
	2,316.60
Less 1/2 for betterment	1,158.30
	Tls. 1,158.30

F. ANDERSON, } Land
GEO. W. NOËL, } Commissioners
LESLIE J. CUBITT, } for 1908/9.

Shanghai, July 4, 1908.

CASE LV.

Great Western Road, Cadastral Lot 1712. Registered Owners: Messrs. Hanson, McNeill & Jones.

Mr. G. Lindsay, of Messrs. Hanson, McNeill & Jones, attends on behalf of the owners.

The owners claim payment at Tls. 5,000 per mow, while the Council contends that the benefit conferred on the property by a road at this point is such as to warrant a free surrender.

It is stated on behalf of the Council that the whole length of the scheduled portion of the Great Western Road up to the Chungking Road will be made up in the near future—possibly within a year—and that the Chang Pang will be culverted, but in the meantime it is evident that the strip in question, towards the metalling of which the owners of Lot 1712 have contributed, is of no practical advantage, as it does not give access to the property by carriage or ricsa from any road in this Settlement: the only carriage approach at present is from the French Settlement.

The Commissioners are therefore of opinion that while under other circumstances a free surrender might have been reasonably looked for, as matters stand the owners are entitled to some compensation, which they award as follows:

Mow 0.875 at	
Tls. 5,000 per	
Mow.....Tls. 4,375.00	
Add 10 per cent for compulsory surrender.....	437.50
	4,812.50
Less 3/4 for betterment	3,609.37
	Tls. 1,203.13

F. ANDERSON, } Land
GEO. W. NOËL, } Commissioners
LESLIE J. CUBITT, } for 1908/9.

Shanghai, July 4, 1908.

The meeting adjourns at 6.40 p.m.

The following documents are ordered for publication with the foregoing minutes:—

Engineer's Report for June.

Works in Progress.—Boundary Wall at Gaol. New Cells, Sinza Police Station. Bubbling Well Cemetery, Outbuildings. New Quarters for Foreigners, Hongkew Police Station. New Indians' Quarters, West Hongkew Police Station.

Laying 3-ft. 0-in. culvert along Jessfield Road near Settlement boundary. Constructing reinforced concrete culvert along Jessfield Road over the Loupoo Creek. Tar paved footpath along Sinza Road from Carter Road to Hart Road. Laying 9-in. Sewer along Chihli Road from Nanking Road to Ningpo Road. Laying 3-ft. 0-in. culverts for cross-drainage to creeks along Seymour Road between Bubbling Well Road and Avenue Road. Concrete bunding at north-east side of Chekiang Road Bridge. Laying 3-ft. 0-in. by 2-ft. 0-in. sewer along North Honan Road. Laying 12-in. sewer along North Szechuen Road. Bricking and metalling Yuhang Road. Hardwood bunding along Dixwell Road north of East Yalu Road. Mud filling and laying 3-ft. 0-in. culverts along Thorburn Road. Making up Sawgin Road.

Works Finally Completed.—Alterations to S.V.C. Headquarters. Reconstructing Hoopoh Road Bridge over the Yangkingpang. Laying 3-ft. 0-in. diam. culvert at Clatter Bridge. Siewai Road. Laying 12-in. sewer east of Jessfield Village. Steam Roller Shed and Overseer's office, North Honan Road.

Plans Completed.—Sketch plan for Hospital for Native Police. Carpenters' Godown for Northern District. Overseer's office for Eastern District. Jetty along North Soochow Road east of North Chekiang Road. 2-ft. 3-in. by 1-ft. 6-in. sewer North Chekiang Road.

Garden Bridge.—Subsidiary works. The driving of the cofferdam piles to below mud level has now been completed. Both approaches are also completed and the only subsidiary works remaining to be done are the erection of the boundary wall on the north-east side of the bridge and the dredging at the mouth of the creek necessary to make the channel of the same section as that existing before the erection of the new bridge.

North Honan Road Sewer.—The foundation and invert of the existing 3-ft. by 2-ft. brick sewer between North Soochow Road and Tiendong Road was found to be in such good condition that it was decided not to renew it. The arch has been rebuilt in cement and the invert rendered.

Bundings.—The concrete bunding on the north-east side of Chekiang Road Bridge is being proceeded with. Considerable difficulty has been experienced with the work owing to the frequent flooding of the cofferdam due to unavoidable causes.

All outdoor work has been greatly interfered with during the month by the continuous rains, and progress generally has necessarily been somewhat slow.

Cleansing.—60 cartloads of garbage, 3,049 cartloads of road detritus, and 2,429 cartloads of gully deposit were collected during the month.

Quarry.—3,695 tons of road materials have been received during the month from the Quarry, and 760 tons were dispatched from the Quarry for account of the French Municipal Council.

Concrete Ware.—The following concrete ware has been made at the Hongkew Depot during the month :—

Machine made..... 712 pieces.
Hand made..... 1,203 ..

Total... 1,915

Creek and River.—1,917 tons of mud have been removed from the Defence Creek during the month.

New Buildings.—Thirty-seven sets of plans for 239 new buildings were approved during June and of these, sixteen sets were submitted by Chinese and twenty-one sets were submitted by foreigners.

The following table shows lengths of drains of various sizes laid on private property by the Department during the month :—

Heading.	Unit.	Districts.				Total
		W.	C.	N.	E.	
12" Pipe Drain	ft. run	20	16	38	—	54
9" Pipe Drain	"	62	72	118	—	210
6" Pipe Drain	"	—	386	90	34	572
4" Pipe Drain	"	—	162	—	—	162
Yard Gullies	Nos.	—	18	—	—	18
Manholes	"	3	23	13	1	40
Main drain connexions ..	"	3	9	8	1	21

Survey Work.

Official measurements of new land lots attended during the month...65
Cadastral certificates issued14
Consular lots surveyed22
Surveys made in connexion with Road Widening and/or Extensions.37
Lots examined to ascertain whether they included roads or waterways which are or may in future be of use to the public.....74
Consular lots examined as to condition of boundary stones16
Nine M.C.R. Stones have been erected in the Central District.

Miscellaneous.—The average number of labourers employed during the month exclusive of contract work has been 1,944 as against 3,996 during June, 1907.

Works Completed on Existing Roads.—The following is a tabulated statement of the different works completed during the month :—

Heading	Unit.	Districts				Total.
		W.	C.	N.	E.	
<i>Drainage.</i>						
Tidal ditches cleaned ...	ft. run	20439				20439
Sewers cleaned ...	"	4205				4205
12" Sewer laid...	"			817		817
9" Sewer laid ...	"			6		6
6" Drain laid ...	"		8	33		41
Street Gullies renewed ...	Nos.		1	2		3
Brick manholes constructed	"			4		4
Raising manholes...	"			2		2
<i>Roads.</i>						
Metalling ...	ft. sup.	79504	163740	51984		295228
Tar macadam repaired ...	"			7416		7416
Kerb and channel laid ...	ft. run		194			194
Kerb and channel relaid ...	"		345		104	449
Chippaved margins laid...	ft. sup.	216			99	315
Chippaved margins relaid ...	"		1336	1440	5704	8480
Chippaved carriageways relaid.	"		4580	18091		22671
Rolling and sanding...	"	49709				49709
Macadam roads repaired ...	"			6375	55691	62066
<i>Footpavement.</i>						
Concrete paving laid ...	ft. sup.		984		613	1597
Concrete paving repaired...	"	116		63	775	954
Tar paving laid ...	"		600			600
Tar paving repaired ...	"	9365			144	9509
Chippaved footways relaid ...	"		800	433		1233
Macadam footways repaired	"	2469				2469
<i>Miscellaneous.</i>						
M.C.R. Stones fixed ...	Nos.	2				2
Fire hydrants erected ...	"	1				1
Public Electric lamps erected..	"	3				3
Street name plates fixed ...	"		2		20	22
Gas, water and other trenches opened ...	"	387	547	648	261	1843
Electric Light poles erected	"	7	9		5	21
Telephone poles erected ...	"	6	4	2	5	17

Works Completed on Road Widening and Extensions.—Works have been completed on Museum Road, Fokien Road, Robison Road, Markham Road, Jessfield Road, Gordon Road, Weihaiwei Road, Taku Road, Ward Road, Thorburn Road, Lay Road, North Soochow Road, North Szechuen Road, North Thibet Road, Woosung Road, as shown by the following table :—

Heading	Unit.	Districts				Total.
		W.	C.	N.	E.	
<i>Drainage</i>						
Ditches deepened	ft. run			650	2800	3450
1' 6" x 1' 0" Sewers laid ...	"				90	90
12" Sewers laid	"	18				18
9" Sewers laid	"	232				232
6" Drains laid	"	390	20	166		576
Street gullies laid	Nos.			12		12
Street gullies renewed ...	"		1			1
Brick manholes constructed	"	3				3
V. shaped walls constructed...	"	9				9
<i>Roads</i>						
Bricking	ft. sup.	1269	1440	5508		8217
Metalling	"	17544	2970	7524		28038
Tar macadam repaired	"		3600			3600
Kerb and channel laid ...	ft. run	215		690		905
Kerb and channel relaid ...	"		125	574		699
Chippaved carriageways reprd.	ft. sup.			2212		2212
Raising	"	6300				6300
<i>Footpavements</i>						
Concrete paving laid	ft. sup.	753	649	3370		4772
Concrete paving relaid ...	"			532		532
Chippaved footways laid ...	"		80	868		948
Macadam footways laid ...	"	2814				2814
<i>Miscellaneous</i>						
Wooden Bunding... ..	ft. run					

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MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

• No. 1922.

(Translation)

THE Council is prepared to receive offers for above 2,500 fong of mud deliverable from the steam dredger at the mouth of Soochow Creek.

Further particulars and all necessary information may be obtained upon application at the Public Works Office, Hankow Road, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, July 22, 1908.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, July 22, 1908, at 4.30 p.m., there are present :

Messrs. D. Landale (*Chairman*)

A. W. Burkill
W. D. Little
H. A. J. Macray
O. Meuser
W. A. C. Platt
J. Prentice
The Secretary and
Assistant Secretary.

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Police.

Captain-Superintendent.—Colonel Bruce's application for one month's leave to date from August 4 to September 11 is approved.

Inquiries at Fires.—A note from the Captain-Superintendent is read suggesting that the Police evidence collected after a fire be submitted in each case to the Legal Adviser, who will sift the evidence and thereupon assume responsibility for framing the charge if any.

This revised procedure will, in the Council's opinion, tend to prevent the failure of prosecutions for arson in cases where the minor charge of culpable negligence might have been successful, and the suggestion is accordingly adopted.

Opium Houses.

Inasmuch as Police reports submitted indicate that the closing of one-quarter of the number of licensed opium-houses has been carried to completion without difficulty or disturbance, it appears to the Council desirable to proceed with the second quarter in sufficient time to provide data whereon the community may base its final decision in this matter at the Annual Meeting of Ratepayers in March, 1909. To this end, therefore, it is decided to bring this further measure into effect on December 31, by the same process of drawing lots and with the same notice to the concerned. Saturday, October 3, at 2 o'clock p.m., is fixed for the drawing, which will be conducted as on the previous occasion in the Maloo Market.

Mixed Court.

Unrepresented Foreigners.—Referring to the undertaking given by the Council in December last, as to the cost of deportation of foreigners without consular representatives, the Senior Consul submits the case of Mr. and Mrs. Sykes and family. After some discussion it is decided to defray the cost of their steerage passage to Calcutta from the public funds.

Condition of Cells for Females.—The following letter with reply as decided is ordered for publication :—

Shanghai, June 19, 1908.

SIR,—By direction of my colleagues I have the honour to ask that you will let us have any information that the Council may possess about the alleged illegal detentions at the Mixed Court Gaol referred to in the local Press last week.

I would suggest that such information should be embodied in the weekly reports on proceedings at the Mixed Court received through you from the police officer stationed at the Mixed Court in the capacity of representative of the Consular Body.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

D. SIFFERT,
*Consul-General for Belgium,
and Senior Consul.*

D. LANDALE, Esq.,
Chairman, Municipal Council.

Council Room,
Shanghai, July 2, 1908.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of June 19 requesting information as to the irregular detention of women in the Mixed Court Gaol, to which allusions have recently been made in the public Press.

I have the honour to enclose a Police list of cases of the kind to which you refer and to express the Council's satisfaction in noting and adopting the suggestion to include, in the weekly report forwarded for the Consular Body's information, details as to the treatment of these prisoners; thus taking a step towards rendering this return a more comprehensive record.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

DAVID LANDALE,
Chairman.

D. SIFFERT, Esq.,

Consul-General for Belgium,
and Senior Consul.

POLICE LIST.

Female prisoners irregularly detained or released :—

No. 7567 E.—Doo Ah-cha (大阿姐) from W. Hongkew Station December 9, 1907, on a charge of selling a woman against her will. Remanded for the appearance of others concerned. She has not been brought before the Mixed Court since and was released on January 31, 1908 without the knowledge and permission of the Assessor. Before Mr. Pearson.

No. 7548 E.—San Zung-sze (邵陳氏) from Louza Station December 9, 1907. Left to Court on a warrant for Debt. Brought before the Japanese Assessor on February 27, 1908. Still in custody. Brought before Mr. Barton on December 9, 1907. Left to Court.

No. 7148 F.—Soong Mau-sze (宋毛氏) from Bubbling Well Station June 17, 1908 on a charge of assault. Sentenced to four days' imprisonment from date of arrest. Arrested June 15, 1908. Still in custody. Before Mr. Barton.

No. 7078 F.—Tsoh Tsa-tsiang (祝翠姐) from Wayside Station June 28, 1908. Unlawfully obtaining jewellery. Before Mr. Pernitzsch. Ordered to be released on security. Still in custody.

No. 5551 F.—Lien Li-sze (劉李氏) from Central Station May 16, 1908. Aiding and abetting a man to evade arrest. Before Dr. Schirmer. Ordered to be released on security May 30, 1908. Still in custody.

No. 4135 F.—Hui Koo-sze (許顧氏) from Central Station April 21, 1908. Larceny of jewellery. Before Mr. Butler. Again tried on May 5, 1908 and remanded for the appearance of her husband who is the complainant. She has not been brought before the Court since.

No. 9139 E.—Chang Loh-sze (蔣陸氏) from Sinza Station January 16, 1908. Running away from her husband. Before Dr. Barchet. Sentenced to six months' imprisonment in Sinza Refuge. Still in Mixed Court custody.

No. 6304 F.—Yih Tsar-sze (叶蔡氏) from Hongkew Station May 5, 1908. Left to Court by Dr. Schirmer. This case was heard in the Native Court on June 10, 1908 and she was ordered to be sent to the Sinza Refuge to be re-married at the request of her husband. Still in custody.

No. 7072 F.—Lien Zung-sze (劉陳氏) from West Hongkew Station June 12, 1908. Being a kidnapped girl. Before Mr. Coales. To be sent to her parents at Chinkiang. Still in custody.

No. 5002 F.—Sing Van-sze (沈范氏) from Harbin Road Station June 16, 1908. Being a kidnapped girl. Before Mr. Cloud. Ordered to give security to Court to return to her husband. Still in custody.

No. 5635 F.—Hui Ching-sze (許金氏) from Hongkew Station May 12, 1908. On suspicion of having caused the death of a girl aged twelve years. Before Mr. Barton. Heard again on May 27, 1908 and again remanded and has not been brought up before the Court since. In custody.

No. 5507 F.—Li Yue-sze (李俞氏) from Hongkew Station May 15, 1908. Wanted by the Ningpo Authorities for being an associate of robbers. Before Mr. Barton. Remanded pending receipt of warrant from Ningpo. Still in custody.

No. 1240 D.—Tong Loo-sze (董羅氏) from Hongkew Station January 25, 1907. Kidnapping. Before Mr. Barton. Sentenced to five years' imprisonment. She was sent to Margaret Williamson Hospital by order of the Magistrate on account of sickness on May 2, 1908, whence she escaped. Date of escape unknown.

No. 9649 E.—Ting Tse-yuen (丁彩云) from West Hongkew Station January 18, 1908. Stray girl aged twelve years of age. Before Mr. Pernitzsch. Left to Court. Still in custody.

No. 6139 F.—Chu Mai-mai (邱妹妹) from Louza Station May 27, 1908. Stray girl. Before Mr. Coales. Detained in Court and relatives to be advertised for. Still in custody.

No. 5188 F.—Yue Wong-sze (余王氏) from Bubbling Well Station May 11, 1908. Found wandering. Before Mr. Barton. Ordered to be sent to the Sinza Refuge on May 25, 1908. Still in custody.

No. 5287 F.—See Ng-mai (徐五囡) from West Hongkew Station May 12, 1908. Stray girl aged 15. Before Dr. Barchet. Left to Court. Still in custody.

No. 243 F.—Dee Dee (弟弟) from West Hongkew Station January 31, 1908. Stray child (male) aged four years. Before Mr. Barton. Left to Court temporarily. Still in custody.

Yang Sung-sze (楊陳氏) has been detained in the Sinza Refuge for four years on account of a family quarrel. She was returned to the Mixed Court cells on October 19, 1907 and is still detained in Court custody.

The Magistrate has ordered that she can be released on Court security.

This woman is a native of Canton and has no relatives or friends in Shanghai and does not know if her husband is still alive.

She states that she was brought to Court from Hongkew Station. Inquiries have been made, but up to the present the record of her sentence has not been found.

No. 4521 D.—Yang Ng-sze (楊吳氏) from West Hongkew Station April 2, 1907. Absconding from her husband with jewellery. Before Dr. Barchet. Left to Court.

Heard in the Native Court on April 9, 1907.

STATEMENT TO POLICE:

"I admitted in the Native Court that I had left my husband on account of ill-treatment and that I had taken away clothing and a hair ornament value about \$300.

My husband said that I had taken away jewellery to the value of \$2,940 which is not true.

I offered my husband the property which I had taken but he refused to accept it and said he did not want me any more. I am not legally married to him. The marriage papers which he produced in Court are false. There is no signature or proof in those papers.

I was again before the Native Court on May 29, 1907, and he then accused me of running away with an actor.

I admitted that I knew an actor through my maid servant named Tsang Ah-pau.

Tsang Ah-pau, my maid servant, appeared in Court that day and was detained as a witness. We have not been brought before the Court since."

The Magistrate said he would issue a warrant for the actor. Both still in custody.

Wong Woo-sze (王胡氏) "I went to the Door of Hope on May 24, 1906 and complained of being assaulted by my mother-in-law and shed the

foreign lady the marks on my body. Two days later I was taken to the Mixed Court and was sent to the Sinza Refuge.

My mother-in-law assaulted me because I refused to go on the street soliciting for an immoral purpose—she keeps a brothel in Hankow Road. The Magistrate advised me to go back to my husband which I refused to do. My husband said he did not want me and begged the Magistrate to send me to the Sinza Refuge for a year, and he would then take me back. I was sent to the Refuge and returned to the Mixed Court on July 24, 1907.

I sent a letter to my husband last year begging him to take me home and he sent a man to tell me that he had married another woman and was unable to support two wives.

Several of my friends and neighbours have petitioned the Magistrate for my release without any result.

I was brought before the British Assessor in the Mixed Court."

M. O. SPRINGFIELD,

2nd Assistant Superintendent.

Forwarded

C. D. BRUCE,

Captain-Superintendent.

Shanghai, June 24, 1908.

Motor Cars.

Under the directions of the Finance Committee arrangements have been concluded for transferring one of the "Swift" runabout cars, ordered for the Public Works Department, to the use of the Fire Brigade.

The original "Beaufort" car has proved of special service to the Public Works Department when required for use by several persons together and when the carriage of survey and similar gear has been necessary. The "Swift" car is considered suitable for handling on fire service in crowded streets.

By this measure a reduction of the estimated expenditure under this heading of about Tls. 2,500 will be effected.

Settlement Boundary Stones.

Referring to certain allegations in the native press and elsewhere to the effect that a number of boundary stones in the Northern District have been interfered with during road-making operations, the Engineer's special report on the subject is ordered for publication:—

SETTLEMENT BOUNDARY STONES.

Boundary Stones S. T. and U., 47, 48 and 49, have not been interfered with in connexion with road-making operations except in so far as stone No. 49 is concerned, four inches having been cut off the top of this stone, so that it should not project above the level of Boundary Road. This was unavoidable as this particular stone is fixed on a base of concrete some ten feet deep.

The large stones S. and T. in North Chekiang Road, and the large stone U. in North Honan Road bear the full inscription with reference to Settlement Extension in 1899, and were sunk below the level of the roads several years ago. They are enclosed in manholes with iron covers and can be easily inspected.

The raising of the ground for the construction of Boundary Road has submerged the small triangular stones 47, 48 and 49, but manholes are being built round them.

Arrangements are being made to cover these manholes with distinctive covers bearing the inscription :—

SETTLEMENT
BOUNDARY
STONE

All these stones are in exactly the same positions as when they were originally erected in 1899.

CHARLES MAYNE,
Engineer and Surveyor.

Road Extensions and Widenings.

Myburgh Road.—In continuation of the minute published on July 23 on this subject, the following formal protests, with replies as directed, are ordered for publication :—

Shanghai, March 31, 1908.

DEAR SIR,—I am instructed by Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. to protest on their behalf against Road Extension 18A intersecting their Cadastral lots 231 and 234 Western.

I am,

Yours faithfully,
WALTER SCOTT.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,
Secretary, Municipal Council.

Council Room,

Shanghai, April 6, 1908.

SIR,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of March 31, in protest at the extension of the Myburgh Road through Cadastral lots 231 and 234, and, in reply thereto, I am directed to request that, in accordance with the provisions of Article VI A of the Land Regulations, you may be good enough to attend in support of your protest at a meeting of the Works Committee this afternoon at 5.30 p.m.

In respect to this projected road extension, I am to add that the Council is prepared to arrange such deviation of the southern section as will minimize the inconvenience to the owners concerned provided that a continuous 30-foot road is laid out between the Burkill and Bubbling Well Roads.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

WALTER SCOTT, Esq.

Shanghai, April 30, 1908.

DEAR SIR,—We the registered owners of Cadastral lots 211, 235 and 294 beg hereby to protest against that portion of Road Extension 18A connecting Burkill and Bubbling Well Roads.

Yours faithfully,

F. M. GRATTON,

by his attorney

WALTER SCOTT.

W. M. DOWDALL.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,

Secretary, Municipal Council.

Council Room,

Shanghai, July 18, 1908.

GENTLEMEN,—I am now directed to refer to your letter of April 30, forwarded in protest against the construction of the section of the Myburgh Road between the Bubbling Well and Burkill Roads, and to your appearance before the Works Committee of the Council on June 1, in connexion therewith.

The Council, after full consideration of this matter, is of opinion that it has not been shown that this road will be otherwise than of considerable value to the public, and, that it will in fact form a useful addition to the road facilities in the locality.

After full examination, therefore, of the probable cost of the extension, your protest has been over-ruled.

In regard to the exact line which the road will take, I am directed to refer to my letter of April 6 to Mr. Scott, and to request that he may be good enough to arrange with the Municipal Engineer the position most convenient to the owners of Cadastral lots 231 and 234, which is compatible with the exigencies of the public requirements.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

W. E. LEVESON,

Secretary.

W. SCOTT, Esq.,

Attorney for

F. M. Gratton, Esq.,

and W. M. Dowdall, Esq.

Honan Road.—The terms of surrender of the portion of Cadastral lot 176 required for widening this road are contained in the following letters:—

Shanghai, July 16, 1908.

DEAR SIR,—With reference to your letter and plan of June 13 concerning the road widening therein referred to, I am prepared to arrange the surrender required on the following terms leased on the Municipal valuations:—

Mow 0.018 at Tls. 40,000 per	
mow	Tls. 720
10 per cent for compulsory	
surrender	72
	Tls. 792

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

E. JENNER HOGG.

C. MAYNE, Esq.,

Municipal Engineer.

Council Room,

Shanghai, July 23, 1908.

SIR,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of July 16, addressed to the Municipal Engineer, on the subject of the widening of the Honan Road ex Cadastral lot 176, and in reply to state that the terms of your claim therein contained are accepted, subject to reduction by one-third for the betterment which is conceded to accrue by widening to roads of less width than 30-ft.

The amended calculation, to which I have to request your assent, is therefore as follows:

Mow 0.018 at Tls. 40,000	
per mow	Tls. 720
Plus ten per cent for compulsory surrender	72
	792
Less 1/3 for betterment	264
	Tls. 528

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. E. LEVESON,

Secretary.

E. JENNER HOGG, Esq.

Shanghai, July 27, 1908.

SIR,—Your letter of July 23 re the widening of the Honan Road in which you accept the offer contained in Mr. Hogg's letter of July 16 subject to a deduction of one-third for betterment, is to hand.

I accept the Council's terms for this surrender, but I wish it to be clearly understood that the owner of the lot denies betterment absolutely and the Council's terms are agreed to solely because the amount deducted is so unimportant.

You say that "betterment is conceded to accrue by widening roads of less than 30-ft." but do not state the authority for this comprehensive decision.

I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

P. F. LAVERS,

Attorney for

E. JENNER HOGG.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,

Secretary, Municipal Council.

Council Room,

Shanghai, July 18, 1908.

SIR,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of July 27 and, in reply, to convey to you an expression of the Council's thanks for the arrangement therein concluded, viz.: the surrender of a strip of Cadastral lot 176 measuring mow 0.018 for the widening of the Honan Road for the sum of Tls. 528.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. E. LEVESON,

Secretary.

E. JENNER HOGG, Esq.

Tenders.	Health Department. Notification of Infectious Disease.			The following have been reported during the week ending Sunday, July 26, 1908.	Deaths among Chinese population of 530,000	Cases notified among Non-Chinese population of 14,500.
	The following have been reported during the week ending Sunday July 19, 1908.	Death among Chinese population of 530,000	Cases notified among Non-Chinese population of 14,500.			
The following is authorized for acceptance:— Painting the exterior and interior of the Isolation Hospital, Joe Ming-kee, Tls. 632.	Small-pox.	1	0	Small-pox.	0	0
	Cholera.	0	0	Cholera.	0	0
	Typhoid Fever	—	2	Typhoid Fever.	—	0
	Diphtheria.	0	0	Diphtheria.	0	0
	Scarlet Fever.	1	0	Scarlet Fever.	1	0
The meeting adjourns at 5.40 p.m.	Tuberculosis	28	0	Tuberculosis.	20	1
	Total Deaths from all Causes	136	1	Total Deaths from all Causes	158	2
				ARTHUR STANLEY, Health Officer.		

Summary of General Municipal Rate, Foreign. March Quarter 1908.

	1908.		1907.		1906.	
	No. of Houses.	Rental Assessment.	No. of Houses.	Rental Assessment.	No. of Houses.	Rental Assessment.
Central District.....	584	Tls. 1,880,164	565	Tls. 1,614,243	553	Tls. 1,430,413
Northern do.	1,046	796,717	993	735,369	954	684,837
Eastern do.	551	729,038	528	638,112	482	579,504
Western do.	629	814,538	522	680,228	513	642,640
Outside Settlement Limits	209	174,346	142	102,776	83	61,612
Total	3,019	4,394,803	2,750	3,770,728	2,585	3,399,006
Occupied by Foreigners	2,359	3,331,437	2,252	2,972,495	2,110	2,749,197
do. Chinese	351	600,655	333	549,443	284	482,313
do. do.	15	—	15	—	10	—
Unoccupied	294	462,711	150	248,790	181	167,496
Total	3,019	4,394,803	2,750	3,770,728	2,585	3,399,006
Tax Collected		Tls.		Tls.		Tls.
Central District @ 12%		48,325		36,901		34,439
Northern do. do.		21,390		17,105		15,928
Eastern do. do.		19,305		14,823		13,066
Western do. do.		20,771		15,421		15,068
Outside Settlement Limits @ 6%		2,295		1,107		532
Total		112,086		85,357		79,033

A. JOHNSFORD,

Overseer of Taxes.

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 8, 1908.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1922.

(Translation)

THE Council is prepared to receive offers for about 2,500 fong of mud deliverable from the steam dredger at the mouth of Soochow Creek.

Further particulars and all necessary information may be obtained upon application at the Public Works Office, Hankow Road, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,

Shanghai, July 22, 1908.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1923.

(Translation)

ON June 20 the warrant card of Detective Sub-Inspector Fitzgibbon has been lost or stolen. Any person giving information, which leads to its recovery or the conviction of the thief, will receive a reward.

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,

Shanghai, July 30, 1908.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, July 29, 1908, at 4.30 p.m., there are present :

Messrs. D. Landale (*Chairman*)

A. W. Burkill

W. D. Little

H. A. J. Macray

J. H. McMichael

O. Meuser

W. A. C. Platt

J. Prentice

The Secretary and

Assistant Secretary.

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Volunteers.

Light Horse.—Upon the recommendation of the Commandant a commission as 2nd Lieutenant is authorised for issue to Mr. P. Crighton.

Opium Shops.

A Police report is read on the results of the closing of the first quarter of the houses, stating how the proprietors and employes are now occupied, and how the smoking paraphernalia has been disposed of. Of the 358 houses which were closed 39 have become licensed shops for the retail sale of the drug, and, for the rest, the occupants are satisfactorily employing themselves in other trades. Nothing in this document warrants the anticipation of any difficulty as regards similar treatment of the second quarter.

Mixed Court.

House of Detention and Female Cells.

—A letter from the Senior Consul forwards a communication from the Magistrate, complaining of the Police practice of making enquiries as to the inmates of these buildings. This despatch with reply as decided is ordered for publication :—

Shanghai, July 21, 1908.

SIR.—I have the honour to enclose herewith copy and translation of a letter with enclosures from the Shanghai Taotai with regard to the inquiries made by the Municipal Police in the Mixed Court gaol.

My colleagues and myself we should be very pleased to have your view on the contents of the above communication.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

D. SIFFERT,

*Consul-General for Belgium,
and Senior Consul.*

D. LANDALE, Esq.,

Chairman, Municipal Council.

Translation of letter from the Taotai to the Senior Consul, dated July 6, 1908.

This is to state that the Mixed Court Magistrate has written a petition stating that the foreign policeman resident at the Court has of late suddenly entered the prison for males and females without authority and made inquiries of prisoners. The runners and warders have no means of preventing this pro-

ceeding. He further observes that these foreign police resident at the Court, first came with the object only of dealing with cases brought up by the Police at the morning sitting, and did not interfere in any other matter. Of late, however, by their constant entrance into the prisons for men and women they have certainly encroached upon authority and exceeded bounds. The women's prison at the Court chiefly contains prisoners the length of whose sentences has been fixed by the Magistrate with the Consular Authorities, and the men's prison chiefly contains prisoners who are in debt in Chinese and foreign cases. In every instance the procedure is in accordance with the sentence and there is no injustice involved. And if indeed there were injustice an appeal should be made to the higher authority by the prisoners' families or relatives, and this policeman should ask no questions in the matter. Police duties and the duties of safe custody are separate responsibilities. The responsibilities in connexion with the Court prison are, of course, borne by the Magistrate and the Chief Gaoler Lu; nor is the Magistrate aware as to what persons ordered this policeman to carry out his instructions. Since, moreover, the sentences of prisoners in the House of Detention, with the exception of defendants in Chinese civil suits, are all decided by the Magistrate in conjunction with the Consular Authorities, this conduct on the part of the policeman is not only prejudicial to China's sovereign rights, but is also an encroachment upon the powers of the Consular Authorities. It cannot be guaranteed that there are no shameless persons among the prisoners who on seeing that this policeman comes to make inquiries will avail themselves of the opportunity to distort the circumstances of their case, and make false statements to him. The policeman, perhaps, listening to their one-sided version will request the judicial official for a revision, and many difficulties will result. Numerous abuses will also follow, taking their rise from this. The Magistrate, therefore, addresses a petition to the Taotai asking him to discuss the matter with the Senior Consul and give directions to oppose

the proceeding. There is also enclosed, the original of a petition from the merchants confined in the House of Detention, appealing against the entry of this policeman and the disturbance and apprehension caused thereby.

The Taotai finds that the statement of the Mixed Court Magistrate and the petition by the merchants confined in the House of Detention requesting the prevention of disturbance by the foreign policeman is entirely proper; and has, therefore, to take action accordingly. Thus besides, writing a rescript, he now sends a copy of the petition and communicates with the Senior Consul, asking him kindly to take note; and give directions that this policeman be allowed only to deal, as before, with police cases brought up at the morning sitting and may not interfere in other matters, so that the limits of authority may be distinct and the raising of pretexts be avoided; or that otherwise he will at once be withdrawn, which would be much more satisfactory. It is hoped also that prompt and strict directions will be given to the head of Police to obey; and that a reply will be made forthwith.

Translation of petition by the merchants with official rank confined in the House of Detention.

A petition requesting that the English Police be prevented from encroaching upon rights and creating disturbance in the House of Detention: for the protection of sovereign rights.

Your petitioners with official rank who, having been accused have received the honour of being confined by you, are all respectable merchants, and although some are involved in Chinese and some in foreign cases, it is in every instance for trifling reasons as to goods bought under contract, and money matters, all of which do not in the least concern the Police.

Your petitioners have long known that the Police are for the maintenance of peace and good order in the Settlement, and are established simply for the rigorous arrest of thieves, robbers and such like persons. How, therefore, can they interfere in money matters and civil cases? And if there are any prisoners who have offended against morals or disobeyed the law, their case also should be determined by the high authorities. Yet since your petitioners have been detained they have seen the English Policeman constantly coming and creating disturbance. During the night of June 26 it is an extraordinary fact that this English Policeman came several times at short intervals under pretext of making an inspection and made an untoward disturbance, bringing with him an interpreter who made inquiries of all the people detained, and spoke boastfully and with intimidation, stating that he had powers to intervene no matter in what affair.

Your petitioners were startled and astonished. On the following day, however, the Chung Wai Jih Pao stated that the Anglo-American Police commencing from July 1, would depute

a Policeman to inspect the House of Detention for males and females. If this circumstance is true, the foreigners must regard your petitioners as in no way different from thieves and robbers, and overlook the fact that they are respectable persons.

It is to be feared, moreover, that the rights of the country will thus be prejudiced.

Your petitioners having suffered accusation and being under process of law await your examination and decision; and, wholly unwilling that the Police should encroach upon the right of custody, beg you to take note, consider the matter, and make every effort to prevent these proceedings, thus preserving the procedure with reference to the decision of civil cases. By this means no evils will result, the people will be secure, and the law observed. We shall thus be very grateful.

Council Room,

Shanghai, July 30, 1908.

SIR,—With reference to the letter of the Mixed Court Magistrate, a copy of which is enclosed in your dispatch of July 21, I have the honour to state that Mr. Pao is mistaken in his impression that there has been any recent increase in the measure of supervision exercised by the Police on duty at the Court.

In respect to the House of Detention, it has been the practice, since the building was established, for the Police to make inquiries from time to time as to the inmates, with a view to preventing the detention of persons who have not in the first place been charged before an Assessor, and to ensuring in each case that the direction on the charge sheet is carried out.

Similar inquiries are made from time to time in the Female Cells, and the list of irregularities, furnished at the request of the Consular Body with my letter of July 2, appears to the Council to be ample evidence of the necessity for this course. The list in question contains a number of instances indicating that the Magistrate's statement "that in every instance the procedure is in accordance with the sentence and there is no injustice involved" is grievously incorrect.

The duty which the Police are at present performing at the Court is generally appreciated among the better class of the native community, and beyond question makes for regularity of procedure and for justice. Under these circumstances I venture to hope that the Consular Body, in reply to the Magistrate's letter, may express satisfaction with the work of the Police at the Court as at present conducted, adding that the Force has not exceeded the authority with which it is vested.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

DAVID LANDALE,

Chairman.

D. SIFFERT, Esq.,

Consul-General for Belgium,
and Senior Consul.

Lime Throwing.—From the Return of July 28 it appears that on that date the accused to whom the following letter refers, was brought before the Court with the Portuguese Assessor sitting, and sentenced to 8 months imprisonment and expulsion:—

Council Room,

Shanghai, July 18, 1908.

SIR,—I am directed to draw your attention to the case of a Chinese named Wang Yun-ching (王云慶), charged on April 3 at the Mixed Court with throwing lime in the faces of three complainants, of whom two were natives and one Portuguese.

The prisoner was remanded so that the case might be tried with the Portuguese Assessor sitting but during the three months which have since passed no further trial has taken place.

The offence with which the prisoner is charged appears to present the aggravating features to which reference is made by the Captain Superintendent of Police in a special report on the subject of Acid Throwing, published in the Municipal Gazette of July 2, and I have to point out that it will be regrettable if the prolonged period during which the prisoner has been held without trial, were to be taken as a reason for lessening the severity of the sentence ultimately to be passed.

The Council is confident that you will recognise the importance of observing regularity and promptitude where possible in matters of this kind, and accordingly give the directions necessary to ensure an early conclusion of the case.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. E. LEVESON,

Secretary.

O. G. POTIER, Esq.,

Consul-General for Portugal.

Convict Labour.

A second communication from the Mixed Court Magistrate is read as to the working of convicts during the hot weather. In view of the notorious conditions obtaining in native prisons, and of the general good state of health of the convicts in Municipal custody, this letter is regarded in the light of an unwarranted attempt to intervene in matters of administration beyond the writer's province. An emphatic reply in this sense is authorised:—

Shanghai, July 21, 1908.

SIR,—I have the honour to enclose herewith copy of a letter from the Mixed Court Magistrate concerning convict labour upon the streets during summer.

The Consular Body would be pleased to hear your views about the contents of the said letter.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

D. SIFFERT,

Consul-General for Belgium,

and Senior Consul.

D. LANDALE, Esq.,

Chairman, Municipal Council.

Translation of letter from the Mixed Court Magistrate to the Senior Consul, dated July 16, 1908.

The Magistrate is in receipt of a letter with directions from the Taotai, stating that he has recently heard that the Municipal Council deputed policemen to make Chinese prisoners, more than one hundred in number, go in rows of four chained together, all wearing convict dress, to perform hard labour on roads. This circumstance is most pitiable. Although it is a rule of the Mixed Court that prisoners should perform hard labour, and this rule can at ordinary times be strictly carried out, it appears that at this season of mid-summer, in accordance with the law of this country there is a regulation which provides for merciful treatment of persons under punishment. That the criminals in the Settlement still carry chains as usual, and perform hard labour in the hot air and the blazing sun, is thus certainly too rigorous and is in disagreement with Chinese law. The Taotai, therefore, directs that the matter be thoroughly discussed with a view to preventing this practice.

The Magistrate has to observe that in China punishment during judicial proceedings ceases in the summer, and in procedure as to punishable offences feelings of humanity for the people play a part. The law as thus established is most excellent.

Thus the practice of sending criminals confined in the foreign gaol into the hot air and blazing sun, carrying chains and performing hard labour as usual, is wholly lacking in mercy upon the criminals. The Magistrate has accordingly to write informing the Senior Consul, and begging him out of charity and mercy for these criminals to evince similar sentiments and remit their hard labour. It is hoped also that directions will be given to the Police to this end, and that after consideration a reply will be made as a basis for a petition in reply, thus greatly obliging.

Council Room,

Shanghai, July 31, 1908.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of July 21, enclosing a copy of the communication from the Mixed Court Magistrate in criticism of the management and control of the prisoners in the Gaol.

In reply thereto it may, in the Council's opinion, be sufficient to state that the whole system of treatment of these convicts is widely different to that commonly accorded to Chinese prisoners in the custody of their own officials, and application of the final test, that of results, will not fail to assure the Magistrate that the foreign method in vogue at the Gaol, though rigorous, is satisfactory and humane. The building and its occupants are open at all reasonable times to Mr. Pao's inspection, and the low rate of mortality, coupled with the general good health of the prisoners, should convince him that the system is a sound one.

Apart from this, however, suspicion is not wanting that the letter in question has been actuated, not by any genuine concern as to the prisoners' welfare, but rather by a desire to interfere in matters of administration in the Settlement which are beyond the writer's province. Were this not so it would have been more courteous, and at the same time more in accordance with usage, had the Magistrate's action taken the form of a consultation with one of the Foreign Assessors and thereafter, if the facts warranted, formed the subject of official remonstrance.

Finally, I have the honour to state that in view of the attitude of the native authorities towards the question of corporal punishment, to which the present large number of prisoners is due, and in view of the recent revolting disclosures as to the condition of the Sinza Refuge, still without the benefit of foreign supervision, the Council is inclined to regard the communication in question as unbecoming and unwarranted.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your obedient servant,

DAVID LANDALE,
Chairman.

D. SIFFERT, Esq.,
Consul-General for Belgium,
and Senior Consul.

Policing Beyond Limits.

The Taotai's reply to the Council's protest at the barbarous treatment of a railway foreman in May last is read, and regarded as wholly unsatisfactory. It is considered necessary, in reply, to allude to one or two of the more misleading paragraphs in this despatch:—

Shanghai, July 21, 1908.

SIR,—With reference to your letter of June 10 relating to barbarous acts of the Paoshan Police and pointing out the danger of the functioning near the Settlement of this force, I have the honour to forward herewith for your consideration copy and translation of the Taotai's reply.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your obedient servant,

D. SIFFERT,
*Consul-General for Belgium,
and Senior Consul.*

D. LANDALE, Esq.,
Chairman, Municipal Council.

Translation of letter from the Taotai to the Senior Consul, dated June 30, 1908.

In reply to the communication received on May 27, in which the Senior Consul states the case of death of the foreman Li Te of the Shanghai-Nanking Railway, inquiring whether a gratuity should be paid or not; and refers to contents of newspapers with reference to

the entire inefficiency of the Paoshan Police Force; and proposes its dissolution; also forwarding copies all of which have been perused:—the Taotai finds that the case of Li Te's death originated in the fact that certain labourers obstructed the director of the Shanghai-Nanking Railway, Taotai Chung; did not allow him to examine and investigate; and insulted, cursed, violently assaulted, and wounded his mafoo and followers.

The report of the Paoshan District Magistrate, who viewed the body in company with the deceased's relatives stated that he discovered that Li Te's dead body was not wounded or bruised, but that death was caused by taking poison. A letter moreover, was received from the British Consul-General Warren, stating that the British merchants Davies and Thomas petitioned requesting that the coffin in which the deceased was to be interred, should be removed, adding that he died from taking poison.

In China, in accordance with the laws, in cases of loss of life examination should be made by the local official superintending, in company with the Coroner, following the procedure laid down in the Book of Redress of Injuries, thereafter drawing up a bond by way of proof.

The statements of the doctor as to injuries of the heart or killing by suffocation are merely conjectural remarks. The foreman in question, unable to restrain his labourers, allowed them to commit violent assault and provoke trouble, and then out of excitement killed himself. The fault, which was thus his own, cannot assuredly be fixed upon any other person. According, therefore, to the laws of this country there is certainly no ground for gratuity.

In respect to the statement that at the time of his death a watch and \$60 in notes were removed by some person, the Taotai will duly address a request to the Director of the Shanghai-Nanking Railway asking him to give directions to the Police and will also address a dispatch to the Paoshan Magistrate directing him to inquire and investigate as to its truth or otherwise, and deal with the matter thoroughly.

As to the Police Force at the place concerned, which has recently been extended, it is to be observed that disparity in the qualities of men and a low standard of progress, is indeed unavoidable; thus for example, and quite in like manner, the detectives in the Settlement have from the outset been constantly guilty of abuses giving rise to trouble. All this is dependent upon punishment and dismissal as occasions arise, and upon reform and reorganization; nor can blame be imputed to the whole body because one or two men cannot obey orders and observe the law.

The limits of the Chinese Police Bureaus authority are moreover, adjacent to the Settlement not only at Chapei, but also at Nantao and near the West Gate; and the Constabulary

stationed there have throughout had no difficulties or collisions with the French Police, though, indeed they also are of the China-instructed, low standard constabulary. Thus, on the one hand is mutual peace and no disturbance; and on the other, the constant occurrence of contentions. This is a circumstance which should be as inexplicable to the Senior Consul as to the Taotai.

The contents of newspapers are, to be sure, slanders. Of late all newspapers reporting Chinese and foreign news are constantly untruthful and inaccurate, and this not only about the single matter of Police.

The constabulary is an important institution for the protection of local good order, and by all possible means should receive careful instruction, and some system of reform should be devised, so that Chinese and foreigners alike may enjoy the benefit. A letter has already been addressed to the Police Bureau requesting consideration of the subject, and satisfactory action accordingly.

The Taotai has thus to reply to the Senior Consul's letter and begs him to take note and take the necessary action.

Council Room.

Shanghai, July 31, 1908.

SIR.—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of July 21, enclosing an answer from the Taotai to the Council's letter of June 10, on the subject of the violent killing of a foreman on the railway.

I have the honour in the first place to point out that it seems that in transmitting the Council's views no stress was laid upon the request for a judicial investigation into the facts, though an inquiry is to be held into a triviality such as theft of the contents of the deceased's pockets, to which my letter made a passing allusion.

It is further to be observed that the Council made no request for a gratuity to the deceased's relatives, and that if this were the only action taken, it might be treated as an attempt to hush up an affair in which there is *prima facie* evidence of crime: and would thus be very unsuitable and improper.

The Consular Body will undoubtedly concur in the Council's view that no version of the occurrence can be accepted by the Foreign or Chinese community without the formal taking of evidence and a formal decision. A detailed report of such careful and thorough investigation, with an abstract of the evidence and of the conclusion based thereon, duly submitted to the Taotai and courteously communicated by him to the Consular Body, is most necessary, to put an end to allegations and counter-charges, to dispel doubts, and restore public confidence.

The Council's moderate and necessary representations were made in hope of the adoption of some such procedure, and their perfunctory dismissal with general statements and repetitions of a theory long since controverted by the written opinion of a well-known foreign medical expert, can only be regarded with the greatest concern.

In respect to the important question of the Chapei Constabulary and their provocative conduct, I have noted the Taotai's comment that the native police in Nantao are similar in character, and yet that no collisions between them and the French Settlement Police have ever taken place. If the alleged similarity were real, this absence of friction would indeed be remarkable; but it is unnecessary to remind the Consular Body that in the populous suburb of Nantao, situated between the Native City and the French Settlement, a force to hold the growing criminal classes in check has existed for some years and was requisite in the interests of all parties; that this force was remodelled with foreign uniform and with the semblance of foreign organization before the existence of the Chapei force; and that the step was effected with no demonstration of anti-foreign sentiment.

The establishment of the Chapei Constabulary presents very different features: for the district in which it functions, with the exception of a small and squalid section of hovels, is chiefly open land in the registered ownership of foreigners; a large portion of this land, well suited to accommodate a quickly expanding foreign population, has been legitimately acquired for that special object; and I have only to refer to the original report of Taotai Hsu Nai-ping to the Viceroy, to convince the Consular Body that the force was inaugurated in 1906 with the avowed intention of thwarting that object. These considerations, and the fact that collisions take place only at points where foreign interests are paramount, amply justify the Municipal Police if they meet with difficulty at the Northern boundary, though the French Police at the Southern boundary are immune.

I have finally to express the hope that the Council's views as to the murder of Li Te, and on the more general and momentous matter of the removal of the Chapei Constabulary, will still engage the attention claimed for them in my letter of June 10, and that the Consular Body will firmly press for serious and satisfactory treatment of the requests therein contained.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

DAVID LANDALE,

Chairman.

D. SIFFERT, Esq.,

Consul-General for Belgium,
and Senior Consul.

Tramways.

Sections and Fares.—A letter from Messrs. Alfred Dent & Co., Agents, Shanghai Electric Construction Co., Ltd., forwarding a memorandum on this subject by the General Manager, has had the attention of the Finance Committee, with the result that it is decided by a majority of the Council to publish the document for general information.

Clause 22 of the Concession Agreement authorizes sections of from one to one and half miles and a maximum rate of 6 cents for 1st class and 2 cents for 2nd class passengers. The sections have been arranged after considerable negotiation, and the Council has permitted the Company to charge 30 cash for the first section to 2nd class passengers not provided with coupons.

The members are of opinion that no change in these arrangements is warranted until the results of the working of the tramway have had time to develop, and the matter is deferred for further consideration at a later date.

Shanghai Electric Construction Co., Ltd.

July 21, 1908.

MEMORANDUM OF PROPOSALS.

First-Class Season Tickets—Additional Fare Sections—Cheap Long-Distance Fares.

A Tramway undertaking must be popular to be truly successful.

First attempts do not always meet requirements and this may be said of the Tramway tariffs in Shanghai. Nor is it to be greatly wondered at: most places have found later modifications necessary to suit the public needs, and often has the full measure of popularity only been attained by the judicious application of sound principles and experience elsewhere to local conditions and requirements.

The emptiness of our first-class compartments shows that something is wrong.

The comparatively small number of passengers in proportion to the length of line, number of cars, and population shows that something is wrong.

It ought to be possible to run a much more frequent service of cars so that there would be no waiting.

It ought to be possible, much more nearly than at present, to pay from the point you get on to the point you get off, instead of, as at present, paying two fares if one gets on at one side of a section and travels to the other side.

It ought to be possible to get from the centre to any terminus at less than the present fares. There ought to be more encouragement towards living in the desirable suburban districts through which roads have already been laid.

In a city with so peculiar a currency, where many do not carry cash but prefer to make monthly payments, Season Tickets are, to say the least, desirable.

For the same reasons the popularizing of coupons on a good system—free from the cumbrous restrictions of the present Second-class Coupons—would be a public benefit.

Everybody knows these disadvantages of the present system—the trams have been running quite long enough for that. A frank recognition of present faults is the first thing necessary towards a better system. Now that system must be a complete, well-balanced practical scheme, that will please the public and, at the same time, be workable by the Company.

After careful consideration, the Tramway Company now makes proposals of which the following are a summary:—

First-Class Monthly Season Tickets, available for any number of journeys over all the lines, at \$8.00 per month. (No deposit—No photo of holder.)

Ordinary Fares on following scale:—

1st Class Cents	2nd Class Cents	Average Distance. Miles.
3	2	1
6	4	2
9	6	Any distance on route.

Not only second but first-class fares as above are actually cheaper than rishia fares for practically all distances.

The lowest present second-class cash fare is three cents and the highest nine cents, as compared with a minimum of two and a maximum of six under the new proposals. For first-class a proposed minimum of three takes the place of the present five and a maximum of nine is substituted for the present twenty.

Summarizing all these proposed Fares' Modifications it is found that, out of a total of 164, 101 are reductions and only sixty-three are increases—showing that the ultimate maximum public convenience is consulted by the new scale.

To put it another way, the present number of separate Fares' Sections or combinations thereof is thirty-eight: the new scale provides for 148—a vast accession of fares' facilities.

It is proposed, as part of the scheme, that all the Fares' Sections be clearly indicated on the Tramway poles, and that very clear and prominent lists of fares and sections be placed in the cars.

The proposed fares are cheaper than on practically all Tramway systems in the world, including those in the East such as Hongkong, Singapore, Manila and Colombo.

The coupons would correspond in face value with the lowest 1st and 2nd Class cash fares, viz., 3 cents 1st Class and 2 cents 2nd Class, so that one, two or three coupons as the case might be, could be tendered in payment of fare and one ordinary ticket issued by the Conductor for the whole journey—no presentation of book, no vouchers, no

delay as at present with 2nd Class coupons owing to the coupon being 2 cents and the cash fare 3 cents.

The present first-class fares are generally more than twice the 2nd Class fares: under the proposed scheme they would be exactly one-half more—surely sufficient: whilst the Season Tickets, with their absolutely unlimited facilities, would surely afford the maximum of convenience at the minimum of cost.

The scheme in its entirety is designed to give a proportionate use of the two compartments of the cars—at present the Company is only getting the return from practically one compartment of a small car and this is not sufficient to enable the Company to afford such frequent services of cars as should be found in a place of such movement and importance as Shanghai.

And whilst giving the maximum utility to the Tramway system, the new scheme would undoubtedly, as has been shown, afford greatly enhanced facilities to the community, and encourage the development of desirable residential districts already opened by the construction of wide and substantial roadways.

D. McCOLL,

General Manager.

House Assessment.

Referring to the paragraph in the Chairman's speech at the Annual Meeting of Ratepayers on the subject of the assessment of premises occupied by the owners or their agents and those under long leases at low rentals, the Overseer of Taxes' schedule of suggested increases is submitted and considered. The Finance Committee is of opinion that the present year is not the best time for advancing certain of these assessments, in view of the fact that the community is paying General Municipal Rate at 2 per cent higher than heretofore. It is noted, however, that an opportunity for appeal will be afforded to the concerned, and that the new assessments will not have effect till January 1, 1909. Upon this basis it is decided to send out notices to the concerned.

Settlement Boundary Stones.

The Senior Consul transmits three letters from the Taotai in respect to the filling in of Boundary Creek, and the alleged removal of certain of the Settlement boundary stones in the neighbourhood. In reply it will not be necessary to do more than refer to the Engineer's special report on the subject published with the minutes of the meeting of July 22:—

Shanghai, July 21, 1908.

SIR,—I have the honour to transmit you herewith, for your consideration and reply, two communications from

the Taotai relating to the filling in of the Chuen Hong Pang and the boundary stones in this neighbourhood.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your obedient servant,

D. SIFFERT,

Consul-General for Belgium,
and Senior Consul.

D. LANDALE, Esq.,

Chairman, Municipal Council.

Translation of letter from the Taotai to the Senior Consul, dated July 13, 1908.

The Taotai has hereby to state that on April 11, a letter was received on the subject of the unauthorized filling, beyond the Settlement boundary, of the Chuen Hong Pang at the junction of the Shanghai and Paoshan districts, and the construction of a road thereon. This letter was to the effect that the filling of the boundary creek in this place was simply for purposes of sanitation and in the public interest, and that the Municipal Council guaranteed that the boundary stones would not be removed and had carefully observed this guarantee.

After giving directions to the Shanghai and Paoshan district Magistrates to investigate this point, the Taotai is now in receipt of their petition in reply, stating that although the boundary stones have not been removed, the boundary creek running from East to West from Honan Road to Chekiang Road has been filled, and a road constructed thereon.

The Taotai has to observe that though this creek is public property, the Municipal Council has not in accordance with rules paid a price for leasing it or received a Taotai's deed, but has filled it without authority, and in so doing has gravely contravened the treaty regulations of both countries. The Municipal Council should therefore, of course, be directed to reopen the creek as before and restore the original boundary.

The Taotai has thus again to write a letter requesting the Senior Consul kindly to take note and give directions to the Municipal Council to take action in obedience. A reply is awaited.

Translation of letter from the Taotai to the Senior Consul, dated July 13, 1908.

The Taotai is in receipt of a letter, dated July 10, from the Chief Police Bureau in the Northern district, to the effect that on July 8, the Inspector in charge of the sub-office petitioned that to the west of the Paoshan Road outside the railway-station railing and beyond the Settlement boundary stones, the Municipal Council's people were repairing and constructing the road, and that the Settlement boundary stones, originally placed there, were being gradually buried. The sub-office requested that an inspection be held at once for the preservation of the Settlement boundary.

The Chief Police Bureau after then sending an officer to make an investigation, now states that the ground outside the railway-station railing was formerly the south bank of the Pok Chuen Hong Pang: that formerly there were boundary stones standing up conspicuously: but that last year the Tramway Company suddenly filled up this creek along the Railway-station railing and placed rails there. Though their action was then an encroachment upon the Chinese Settlement, the boundary stones could still be distinguished; that the Municipal Council is now constructing a road to the south of the rails in the very middle of the boundary stones: that on examination it is found that one boundary stone has already been taken up, that another had been loosened on all sides with a view to its removal, and that there is only one other which projected from the ground a few feet which is being surrounded by bricks, so that it is to be feared that all traces of it will soon disappear: that apparently this encroachment and destruction of boundary stones is wholly improper. It is thus requested that a communication be addressed to the Senior Consul prohibiting this action, and requiring that the boundary stones be placed as before, and their destruction be not allowed. A map is also enclosed.

The Taotai upon receipt of this letter observes that the action of the Municipal Council in filling the Shanghai-Paoshan boundary creek without authority and thereon constructing a road, was the subject of communications by the former Taotai, and this Taotai, asking that it be prohibited. On April 11 of this year, a reply was received from the Senior Consul, stating that the filling-in of the creek at this point was merely for purposes of sanitation and the public interest, and that the Council had guaranteed that the boundary stones would not be removed. Directions were then given to the Shanghai and Paoshan Magistrates to make investigations and report, and their petition in reply stated that although the boundary stones had not been removed, the creek running from East to West had been filled and a road constructed thereon, and that thereby the treaty regulations were disobeyed. They requested that directions be given to reopen the creek as before and restore the original boundary. This is on record.

It now appears, however, from the statement of the Bureau, that the Municipal Council has actually dug up the boundary stones in this place without authority, therein entirely disregarding public policy, and in disagreement also with the statement contained in the Senior Consul's letter that this Council had guaranteed that the boundary stones would not be moved.

The Taotai has, therefore, to request that directions be given for the replacement of the three boundary stones as before and that the least removal be not allowed: and also that the original creek be reopened in order that the

Settlement boundary may be distinct. The Taotai thus duly communicates with the Senior Consul and trusts that he will kindly take note giving directions for compliance, and will also reply.

Shanghai, July 29, 1908.

SIR,—In pursuance of my letter dated July 21, relating to the filling in of the Chuen Hong Creek, I have the honour to forward herewith for your consideration and reply a further letter from the Taotai on the same subject and on boundary stones in North Chekiang Road.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

D. SIFFERT,
*Consul-General for Belgium,
and Senior Consul.*

D. LANDALE, Esq.

Chairman, Municipal Council.

Translation of letter from the Taotai to the Senior Consul, dated July 27, 1908.

The subject of the filling in by the Municipal Council of the Chuen Hong Pang which separates the Paoshan and Shanghai Districts, and its conversion into a road: and also the unauthorized digging up of the boundary stones, was some days ago the subject of a communication from the Taotai to the Senior Consul asking that orders be given for the replacement of the boundary stones and for the reopening of the creek: to which up to now no reply has been received.

It is now to be observed that the district upon the limits of the Settlement, known as Hua Hsing Fang Kou, in Paoshan, or the neighbourhood of the Chekiang and Haining Roads, was the point at which a constable of the Police Bureau was mistakenly arrested owing to indistinctness of the Settlement boundary. It was then requested that an official be deputed and a date appointed for a survey, but action has not been taken accordingly.

It is further to be observed that the removal of the Settlement boundary stones at this point has been inspected by the Taotai together with Mr. Ferguson who formerly managed the Settlement extension, and he was instructed to speak to the Senior Consul personally. He has now handed in a map for the Senior Consul's information.

The Taotai has, therefore, to request that directions be given for the prompt replacement of the boundary stones in their original place: and that works be not undertaken or encroachments made where boundary stones stand. The Taotai thus communicates with the Senior Consul, forwarding the map in question, and begs him kindly to take note, give directions accordingly, and make a reply.

Council Room,

Shanghai, July 31, 1908.

SIR,—The Council has considered the communications of the Taotai transmitted in your letters of July 21 and 29.

In reply to those portions which relate to the Settlement Boundary Stones there does not appear to be necessity for more than to cite the Special Report of the Municipal Engineer published with the minutes of the meeting of Council of July 22. For this purpose I have the honour to enclose two copies of the document translated into Chinese.

In regard to the question of Boundary Road the Council has nothing to add to former dispatches on the same subject. It appears probable that until some change takes place in the attitude of the local officials towards the expansion of foreign influence on the northern side of the Settlement, such prolix but unimportant protests will continue to be received.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

DAVID LANDALE,
Chairman.

D. SIFFERT, Esq.,

Consul-General for Belgium,
and Senior Consul.

Road Extensions and Widening.

Szechuen Road.—The terms of surrender of the scheduled strip of Cadastral lot 95A, acquired for the widening of this road, are contained in the following correspondence:—

Shanghai, July 16, 1908.

DEAR SIR,—In reply to your letter of yesterday's date, we are prepared to surrender the strip of land ex Cadastral lot 95A, now included in the Szechuen Road, at the assessed value of Fls. 45,000 per mow plus 10 per cent for compulsory surrender, on the condition that the Owner or Owners for the time being of B.C. Lot 3871 have full right and liberty to lay foundation of any houses or buildings under the surface of the land to be surrendered.

We are,

Yours faithfully,

ATKINSON & DALLAS.

C. MAYNE, Esq.,

Municipal Engineer.

Council Room,

Shanghai, July 21, 1908.

GENTLEMEN,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of July 16, addressed to the Municipal Engineer, on the subject of the widening of the Szechuen Road ex Cadastral

lot 95A, and, in reply, to state that the terms therein contained are accepted as the basis upon which compensation may be paid, but that the case is one in which allowance should be made for the betterment which will accrue.

It is now generally conceded that the widening of a road to 30 feet in a native locality and to 40 feet where foreign buildings are involved confers improvement on adjoining properties, and, in so far as the Szechuen Road is concerned, this principle has been admitted in respect to Lots 40 and 42.

The counter, offer, to which I am to request your assent, is therefore as follows:

Mow 0.025 at Tls. 45,000	
per mow	Tls. 1,125
Plus 10 per cent	112
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	1,237
Less 1/3rd for betterment	412
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	Tls. 825

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

MESSRS. ATKINSON & DALLAS.

Shanghai, July 29, 1908.

DEAR SIR,—In reply to your letter of July 21, we beg to inform you that subject to the conditions laid down in our letter of 16th instant "that the Owner or Owners for the time being of B.C. Lot 3871 have full right and liberty to lay the foundations of any houses or buildings under the surface of the land to be surrendered" we agree to accept Tls. 825, for the land to be surrendered ex B.C. Lot 3871 for widening the Szechuen Road.

At the same time we must request you to note our dissent from the general principles respecting betterment laid down in your letter under acknowledgement. Each case must be treated on its own merits.

We are,

Yours faithfully,

ATKINSON & DALLAS.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,
Secretary, Municipal Council.

Seward Road.—An arrangement has been concluded with the Rev. V. Mouly, S.J., for the surrender of the portion of Cadastral lot 1036 scheduled for the widening of this road at the assessed value of the property, Tls. 13,000 per mow, with the usual deduction of one-third for betterment, or a sum of Tls. 2,253 for the Mow 0.26 involved. Registered owners, the Catholic Mission of Kiangnan.

Land Commission.

The award of the Commissioners in case No. LX is submitted and ordered for transmission to the concerned and publication as usual:—

CASE LX.

Manila Road, Cadastral Lots 1687 and 1690.

Registered Owner: H. Morriss, Esq.

Mr. H. Lester attends on behalf of the owner, and claims compensation at the rate of Tls. 4,500 per mow plus 10 per cent for compulsory surrender.

It is stated by Mr. Lester that the northern portion of lot 1687 is rendered unsuitable for Chinese buildings as the frontage is only sufficient for six houses, and his experience is that if less than ten or twelve houses be built in one block they invariably fall down. In reference to lot 1690 Mr. Lester contends that the road on the north will not improve this lot as he intends to build shops on the Chungking Road frontage and dwelling houses with kitchens abutting on the Manila Road on the remainder of the lot. He is of opinion that shops in this locality facing north would not attract Chinese tenants. A point is made of the improvement resulting to the property on the north side of Manila Road which gains a south frontage.

The Council's Engineer states that applications to build Chinese shops in blocks of four, five and six houses are often received.

In regard to shops facing north being unattractive to Chinese tenants the Council cites the instance of Taku Road where the shops with north frontage are all occupied.

The Council claims free surrender of a width of 30 feet and is prepared to pay for the additional 10-foot strip to make the road 40 feet wide.

The free surrender of certain lots on the Boundary Road, the terms arranged for the remainder, are referred to as having some bearing on the present case.

After weighing the arguments on both sides and considering all the circumstances, the Commissioners award compensation as follows:

Lot 1687.

Mow 0.256 at Tls. 4,500	
per mow	Tls. 1,152.00
Add 10 per cent for compulsory surrender ...	115.20
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	1,267.20
Less 1/3rd for betterment	422.40
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	Tls. 844.80

Lot 1690.

Mow 0.599 at Tls. 4,500	
per mow	Tls. 2,695.50
Add 10 per cent for compulsory surrender. ...	269.55
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	2,965.05
Less 2/3rds for betterment	1,976.70
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	Tls. 988.35

F. ANDERSON, } *Land*
GEO. W. NOËL, } *Commissioners*
LESLIE J. CUBITT, } *for 1908/9.*
Shanghai, July 29, 1908.

Tenders.

The following are authorized for acceptance:—

Supply and erection of a safe for the custody of documents, Messrs. Mustard & Co., \$550, with interior fittings extra at cost price.

Repairs to Brougham, The Shanghai Horse Bazaar Co., Ltd., Tls. 350.

Conversion of the old S.V.C. Gunshed for occupation by Chinese Police, Tls. 450. Estimated cost of work involved, to be executed by the Public Works Department.

The meeting adjourns at 6.15 p.m.

Health Department.

Notification of Infectious Disease.

The following have been reported during the week ending Sunday August 2, 1908.	Death among Chinese population of 530,000	Cases notified among Non-Chinese population of 14,500.
Small-pox.	0	0
Cholera.	0	0
Typhoid Fever	—	0
Diphtheria.	2	1
Scarlet Fever.	2	0
Tuberculosis	22	0
Total Deaths from all Causes	185	3

ARTHUR STANLEY,
Health Officer.

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MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1922.

(Translation)

THE Council is prepared to receive offers for about 2,500 fong of mud deliverable from the steam dredger at the mouth of Soochow Creek.

Further particulars and all necessary information may be obtained upon application at the Public Works Office, Hankow Road, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,

Secretary.

Council Room,

Shanghai, July 22, 1908.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1924.

PUBLIC BAND.

THE performance of the Band on Friday, August 14, will take place in the Hongkew Recreation Ground at 9.15 p.m.

By order

W. E. LEVESON,

Secretary.

Council Room,

Shanghai, August 11, 1908.

Health Department.

Notification of Infectious Disease.

The following have been reported during the week ending Sunday August 9, 1908.	Cases notified among Non-Chinese population of 14,500.	Deaths among Chinese population of 530,000
Small-pox.	0	0
Cholera.	0	0
Typhoid Fever.	0	—
Diphtheria.	0	0
Scarlet Fever.	0	0
Tuberculosis.	0	20
Total Deaths from all Causes	4	178

ARTHUR STANLEY,
Health Officer.

Health Officer's Report for July

During July the Public Health has been remarkably good. Five cases only were notified and there were no deaths from infectious disease among foreign residents. Beyond more than the ordinary number of cases of summer diarrhoea due to dietary carelessness and the usual complement of deaths from alcoholism induced by the hot weather there is little of note to record. There is no Cholera at present in Shanghai but outbreaks are occurring at several places within easy distance.

Residents are requested to regularly inspect their kitchen arrangements so as to have them in accordance with the Public Health Notice which may be obtained at the Health Office. The remarks on page 87 of the last Annual Report relating to kitchen arrangements under 'Foreign Dwellings' are recommended to be read. A little trouble taken to establish a sanitary routine in the household will be amply repaid by the resulting immunity from these bowel complaints which are the only maladies to be specially feared by the Shanghai resident and which are prevented by the use of sterilised food. The sanitary staff will, as far as possible, be placed at the service of applicants who desire a special inspection of their kitchen arrangements. But it should be noted that no amount of sanitary inspection can effectually replace that personal supervision which every householder should give to the preparation and service of food. As regards the preservation of health in Shanghai the purity of food is of fundamental importance.

At all times the most important rule for maintaining health in Shanghai, during the summer months, when bacterial growth is enormously increased, it is especially necessary to eat and drink nothing that has not been boiled or cooked or otherwise sterilised.

The Public Swimming Bath has been visited by over 3,000 persons during the month, a somewhat greater number than during the same month last year.

494 cattle have been brought down by the Department and sold to the butchers during the month. It has been decided to notify the butchers and cattle dealers that no cattle will be received from the insanitary Pahsienjao hongts into the cattle sheds after 25th September next. Arrangements are being made to accommodate the cattle dealers at the Municipal Cattle Sheds.

Here follow tables of Vital Statistics, Infectious Disease and Outdoor Sanitary Work; Work done in the Municipal Laboratory, Municipal Hospitals and Slaughter-house; and lists of Laundries, Dairies and Dealers in Perishable Food-stuffs, etc. licensed for the protection of Public Health.

ARTHUR STANLEY,
Health Officer.

	Deaths.	
	Foreign.	Native.
	Resident.	Non-Resident.
Small-pox	0	1
Cholera	0	0
Typhoid Fever	0	1
Diphtheria	0	34
Scarlet Fever.....	0	0
Tuberculosis	0	4
From all causes	14	110
	12	712
Infectious Disease Notified Among Foreign		
Resident Population.		
Small-pox		0
Cholera		0
Typhoid Fever		3
Diphtheria		1
Scarlet Fever.....		0
Tuberculosis		1
Municipal Laboratory.		
Small-pox Vaccine issued ...		135 tubes.
Vaccinations		0
Diphtheria Antitoxin issued..		10 bottles
Cases undergoing anti-rabic		
treatment		3
Bacteriological examinations		66
Analysis		39

Slaughter-House Returns.

	Slaughtered.	Rejected at Slaughter-house.	Passed for Slaughter from Cattle-sheds.	Passed for Export from Cattle-sheds.	Rejected at Cattle-sheds.
Oxen	1422	4	1422	0	0
Sheep	2413	1	2413	4	1
Calves	317	0	317	0	0
Pigs	113	0	113	0	0

Victoria Nursing Home.

Cases Admitted	39
Discharged	36
Died	5
Remaining last day of month	20
Nursed outside the Home	3
Daily visits	0
Nursing pre-engagements	6

Isolation Hospitals

	Foreign.	Native.
Cases Admitted—Small-pox		
Cholera	0	0
Typhoid Fever	0	0
Diphtheria	2	0
Scarlet Fever	0	1
Other Diseases	2	48
Discharged	7	58
Died	0	2
Remaining last day of month	2	39

Municipal Laboratory.

Report on Analysis of Water.

Sample received July 30, 1908.

Report sent out August 5, 1908.

Sample of Shanghai Waterworks Co.'s Water.	
Physical Characters. — Greenish yellow colour with some opalescence. Slightly alkaline reaction to litmus. Good aeration.	
Solid Matter in Solution	13.4
a.—Volatile	7.3
b.—Fixed	6.1
Appearance on Ignition ... Slight Charring	
Total Hardness	9.0
a.—Temporary	4.0
b.—Permanent	5.0
Chlorine	1.8
Nitrogen as Nitrates	0.0752
Saline Ammonia	0.0012
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.0103
Poisonous Metals	Nil
Nitrites	Nil
Phosphates	Nil
Sulphates	Traces.

Bacteriological Examination.—Gelatin plates at 23°c. yielded an average of 98 microbe colonies per c.c. of which 1 in 20 were liquifying.

Agar plates at blood-heat produced 14 microbe colonies per c.c.

Microbes of the *Bacillus Coli Communis* group present in quantities of 0.1 c.c. and upwards.

Report on Analysis.—A sample of water of good degree of chemical and bacterial purity.

Sanitary Work.

Complaints of insanitary conditions received from the public	63
Insanitary conditions reported by Health Office	32
Written intimations issued for sanitary amendment	14
Second written intimations issued for sanitary amendment	3
Notices of intention to proceed served	0
Samples taken for analysis	56
Pounds of unsound food destroyed	2431
Food prosecutions	55
House refuse prosecutions	109
Laundry and other prosecutions	7
Enquiries after notification of foreign cases of infectious disease	6
Enquiries after notification of Chinese cases of and deaths from infectious disease	249
Rooms disinfected after infectious disease	334
Articles of clothing, bedding, etc., disinfected by steam	1260
Rooms whitewashed	6046
Ventilation and lighting amended	9
Defective drainage amended	20
Insanitary latrines and urinals rendered healthy	7
Insanitary ditches, ponds and creeks rendered healthy	11
Night-soil pits and kongs abolished	29
Exposed coffined corpses removed and buried	5
Smoke nuisances suppressed	3
Offensive trade processes amended	0
Insanitary wells abolished	0
Tons of ordure removed	6516
Tons of house refuse removed	9519
Other unhealthy conditions amended	10
Beggar boats removed	14
Hawkers dealt with	133

Licensed Dairies.

Dairy.	Situation.
EASTERN DISTRICT.	
Riverside Farm	76 Yangtsepoo Road
Shanghai Dairy	" "
Inshalla Dairy Farm	71 Ward Road.
Sung Shing Dairy	Thorburn Road.
Yangtsepoo Dairy	" "
Farfield Dairy	19 Kwenming Road
Wayside Dairy	1543 Tongshan Road
Kong Zung	Harbin Road
Tuh Shing	East Kashing Road
NORTHERN DISTRICT.	
Home Farm	N. Szechuen Road
Paoshan Dairy	Paoshan
Hongkew Dairy	N. Szechuen Road
Yong Shu Fong	N. Honan Road.
Mo Hung Shing	N. Szechuen Road
Ching Kee	N. Honan Road
Hong Kee	N. Szechuen Road
Shing Chee	N. Honan Road
Family Farm	Range Road
WESTERN DISTRICT.	
The Farm	Siccawei Road.
Crawford's Farm	" "
St. George's Farm	Bubbling Well Road
Swiss Farm	" "
Culty's Farm	Route d'Oumer
Tai Woo	French Creek
Lemke's (Private) Dairy	460 Ave. Paul Brunat.
Hung Fei's Dairy	Bubbling Well Road
Yuen Sung	" "
Zee Butler	601 Burkill Road.
Gordon Rd. Dairy Co.	1128 Gordon Road.
Yui Chong	756 Avenue Road.
Fok Kyi	1401 " "
Hop Shing	1 Yu Yuen Road
Nee Shing	Markham Road.
Yok Kyi	Medhurst Road.

Licensed Laundries.

Laundry.	Situation.
EASTERN DISTRICT.	
Ah Chow	465-6 Dent Road
Ah Kung	467 do.
Old Ah Foo	469-71 do.
Jackson	472-3 do.
Big Sam	66-8 Dent Lane.
Jim	1858 Seward Road
Wo Yue	1859 do.
Yue Shing	1860 do.
Ching Kee	1861 do.
Mew Shing	1862 do.
Ah Ling	1863 do.
Big Sam	1192 Yuhang Road
Ah Kee	222 Tongshan Rd.
No. 1 Kashing	262-3 Harbin Road
No. 2	260-1 do.
No. 3	258-9 do.
No. 4	257-8 do.
No. 5	256 do.
No. 6	255 do.
No. 7	254 do.
No. 8	253 do.
No. 9	251-2 do.
No. 10	250-1 do.
No. 11	249 do.
No. 12	248 do.
No. 13	247 do.
No. 14	245-6 do.
No. 15	243-4 do.
No. 16	242 do.
No. 17	241 do.
No. 18	240 do.
No. 19	239 do.
Nos. 20-50	237-234 do.
NORTHERN DISTRICT.	
Yak Sing	846 Woosung Road.
Miller	308 Miller Road.
Chin Kee	1113 Woosung Road
Wong Ah Sam	1381 Haining Road
Chapoo No. 1	402A Chapoo Road.
Chapoo No. 2	402B Chapoo Road.
N. Y. K.	N. Szechuen Rd. Ex.
Yah Tah Sung	Pd. 2818 Haining Rd.
	517-518 N. Szechuen Rd. Ex.
	709-723 do.
WESTERN DISTRICT.	
Yung Shing Washing Co.	314-309 C'king Rd.
Woo Kee Washing Co.	259 Taku Road.
Doo Foo Washing Co.	55 Yates Road.
Ziang Shing	24 Weihaiwei Rd.
Shanghai Steam Laundry Co.	451 "
Shz Sing Washing Co.	104-105 "
Yung Sung Washing Co.	210 "
" " " "	210 "
" " " "	210 "
" " " "	210 "
" " " "	210 "

Licensed Butchers, Poultry, Game and Vegetable Dealers.

Butchers.	Situation.
NORTHERN DISTRICT.	
W. Futterer	1106 Broadway
Fritz Pasche	7 "
R. Neumann	Astor Road
Wong Sie Shang	72 Tiendong Road
Kyung Yue Shing	671 " "
Tsiang Ka Va	672 " "
Lo Jung	957 Woosung Road
Sien Kam Cheong	5 and 6 Market Road
Wong Yeek Sang	17 " "
Vee Ching Kee	1457 Woosung Road
An Sing	1578 " "
CENTRAL DISTRICT.	
Hop Foong	17 Maloo Market.
Hong Kee	19 " "
Yeh Tai	27 " "
Tsin Tai	28 " "
Yung Tai Foh	29 " "
Hopkins	1 Ningpo Road
Vegetable and Game.	
Tsau Sung Ling	677 Tiendong Road.
Yue Ming Kwai	1451 Woosung Road.
Vee Fah Kee	122 Market Road.
Sau Z. Young	32 & 33 Miller Road.
CENTRAL DISTRICT.	
Tsau Sung Ling	12 Maloo Market.
Lin Yun Kung	14 " "
Tsu Chee Ling	15 " "
Vie Ah Sun	16 " "
Loh Ah Sai	18 " "
Nui Ah Char	26 " "
Zung Tsau Ming	30 " "
Bah Yung Ling	31 " "
Zung Teh Ling	32 " "
Chu Wai Chu	33 " "

Engineer's Report for July.

Works in Progress.—Boundary Wall and Towers at Gaol. New Cells, Sinza Police Station. Bubbling Well Cemetery Outbuildings. New quarters for foreigners, Hongkew Police Station. New Indians' quarters, West Hongkew Police Station. Children's Latrine, Hongkew Park. Constructing reinforced concrete culvert along Jessfield Road over the Loupoo Creek. Laying 3-ft. 0-in. culvert across Jessfield Road close to Edna Villas. Constructing reinforced concrete culvert along Jessfield Road east of Village. Laying 9-in. sewer along Koo Ka Loong from Peking Road to Ningpo Road. Laying 3-ft. 0-in. culverts for cross drainage to creeks along Seymour Road between Bubbling Well Road and Avenue Road. Tar paved footpath along Sinza Road from Carter Road to Hart Road. Repairs to Chapoo Road Bridge, Robison Road Bridge and Yangkingpang Bunding. Concrete bunding at N.E. side of Chekiang Road Bridge. Laying 3-ft. 0-in. by 2-ft. 0-in. sewer along North Honan Road. Hardwood bunding along Dixwell Road north of East Yalu Road. Repairs to bunding at "Point." Overseer's Office for Eastern District. Bricking and Metal-ling Tongshan Road from Dent Road to Singkeipang Road. Turbine foundations at Electricity Works. Extension of North Szechuen Road. Mud filling Kwenming Road. Bricking and metal-ling Boundary Road.

Works finally completed.—Boundary Wall at Public and Reserve Gardens. Laying 3-ft. 0-in. culvert along Jessfield Road near Settlement Boundary. Laying 9-in. sewer along Chihli Road from Nanking Road to Ningpo Road. Bricking and sanding Weihaiwei Road east of Hart Road. Bricking and metal-ling Great Western Road east of Hart Road. Constructing reinforced concrete stanchions and railing along Ferry Road north of Bubbling Well Road. Laying 12-in. sewer along North Szechuen Road. Bricking and metal-ling Yuhang Road. Mud filling and laying 3-ft. 0-in. culverts along Thorburn Road. Making up Sawgin Road.

Plans submitted to Council and approved.—Western Police Depot, foreign buildings and store.

Cleansing and Scavenging.—Sixty-two cartloads of garbage, 3,000 cartloads of road detritus, and 2,480 cartloads of gully deposit were collected during the month.

Quarry.—3,285 tons of road materials have been received during the month from the Quarry.

The installation of the new stone breaking plant is nearly completed. The Loco boiler previously used in connexion with the foundations for the Garden Bridge has been set on concrete foundations, a 24-in. by 15-in. Baxter Stone Breaker designed to break sixteen tons of stone per hour has arrived from England and is now being erected at the Quarry. A 20 h.p. engine to this machine is being erected as also an 8 h.p. engine to drive the 16-in. by 9-in. Baxter breaker which is at present driven by a traction engine. Three

sheds to contain the boiler and engines have been made fitted in Shanghai and sent to the Quarry for erection. Stone retaining walls for approach to new stone breaker have been built.

Concreteware.—The following concreteware has been made at the Depot during the month:—

Machine made. 3,415 pieces.

Hand made.... 1,554 "

Total 4,969 pieces.

Creeks and River.—3,230 tons of mud have been removed from the Defence Creek during the month.

New Buildings.—Forty-two sets of plans for 286 new buildings were approved during July and of these, twenty-four sets were submitted by foreigners and eighteen by Chinese.

The following table shows lengths of drains of various sizes laid on private property by the Department during the month:—

Heading.	Unit.	Districts.				Total
		W.	C.	N.	E.	
12" Pipe Drain	ft. run	30	34	62	26	62
9" Pipe Drain	"	72	102	64	46	154
6" Pipe Drain	"	—	52	306	—	526
4" Pipe Drain	"	—	6	134	—	186
Yard Gullies	Nos.	—	11	17	2	23
Manholes	"	4	5	21	2	38
Main drain connexions ..	"	4	—	10	—	21

Survey Work.

Official measurements of new lots attended during the month79

Cadastral certificates issued31

Consular lots surveyed 9

Surveys made in connexion with road widenings and extensions..28

Lots examined to ascertain whether they included roads or waterways which are or may in future be of use to the public.....54

Consular lots examined as to condition of boundary stones31

M. C. R. Stones have been erected as follows:

Central District	7 Stones
Northern "	11 "
Eastern "	68 "
Western "	9 "
Outside Limits	8 "

Total 103 "

Miscellaneous.—The average number of labourers employed during the month exclusive of contract work has been 1,993 as against 2,785 during July, 1907.

Works Completed on Existing Roads.—The following is a tabulated statement of the different works completed during the month:—

Heading	Unit.	Districts				Total.
		W.	C.	N.	E.	
<i>Drainage.</i>						
Tidal ditches made	ft. run	18390				18390
Sewers cleaned	"		46	610		656
1'6" x 1' 0" Sewers repaired	"			17		17
12" " " "	"				10	10
9" " " "	"		724			724
6" " " "	"		110			110
Drain " " "	"					
Brick manholes constructed	Nos.		7			7
Manholes raising... ..	"				5	5
<i>Roads.</i>						
Bricking	ft. sup.		2080	1872		3952
Metalling	"	82937	134432	27216		244585
Kerb and channel laid ...	ft. run				1371	1371
Kerb and channel relaid ...	"	188	406	160		754
Chippaved margins laid...	ft. sup.		720			720
Rolling and sanding	"	41225				41225
Chippaved margins relaid...	"		204	442		646
Chippaved carriageways laid...	"			10239	5257	15496
Macadam roads repaired ...	"	19053	2900	11618	11628	45199
<i>Footpavement.</i>						
Tarring and sanding	ft. sup.	48706	31850	4817	753	86126
Chippaved footways laid ...	"			60		60
" " repaired	"			395		395
<i>Miscellaneous.</i>						
Street name plates fixed ...	Nos.	6			2	8
Gas, water and other trenches opened	"	187	588	4851	370	5996
Electric Light poles erected	"	56	3			59
Telephone poles erected ...	"	40	12		11	63

Works Completed on Road Widenings and Extensions.—Works have been completed on Foochow Road, Museum Road, Szechuen Road, Canton Road, Avenue Road, Great Western Road, Weihaiwei Road, Taku Road, Connaught Road, Sinza Road, Macao Road, Myburgh Road, Jessfield Road, Thorburn Road, North Szechuen Road, Kaifeng Road, Haining Road, North Soochow Road, as shown by the following table:—

Heading	Unit.	Districts				Total.
		W.	C.	N.	E.	
<i>Drainage.</i>						
3'0" Culverts laid... ..	ft. run	92			117	209
12" Sewers laid	"	16		640		656
9" Sewers laid	"			12		12
6" Drains laid	"	410	30	78		518
4" Drains laid	"	102				102
Street gullies laid	Nos.	12				12
Street gullies renewed ...	"		2			2
Brick manholes constructed	"	7		5		12
V. shaped walls constructed...	"	2				2
Retaining walls constructed	"	7				7
<i>Roads.</i>						
Bricking	ft. sup.	10791	2920	7601		21312
Metalling	"	10791	5410			16201
Kerb and channel laid ...	ft. run	309		406	214	927
Kerb and channel relaid...	"	88	590			678
Chippaved margins repaired...	ft. sup.			160		160
Chippaved carriageways laid	"	1587				1587
Removing	"	140480				140,480
Raising	"	5300				5300
<i>Footpavements.</i>						
Concrete paving laid	ft. sup.	2181	3023	1965	959	8128
Macadam	"	9521				9521
	"					

CHARLES MAYNE,

Engineer & Surveyor.

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MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1925.

THE Council is prepared to receive tenders for the erection of Foreign Quarters and Store (Blocks D and E) at the Police Western Depôt, Gordon Road.

Plans and specifications may be seen, and all necessary information obtained, upon application to Mr. C. Mayne, M. Inst. C.E., Municipal Engineer, at the Public Works Office, Hankow Road, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Sealed tenders will be received by the undersigned not later than 4 o'clock p.m., on Tuesday, September 1, 1908, and should be marked "Tender for Police Buildings."

The Council does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender, or to pay any expenses which the contractor may incur in tendering. The contractor whose tender is eventually accepted will be required to give satisfactory security for the due performance of the contract.

The names of tenderers, with the prices quoted, will be published for general information.

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,

Secretary.

Council Room,

Shanghai, August 14, 1908.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1926.

PUBLIC BAND.

FROM this date the performances of the Band on Tuesdays at 9 p.m. and on Fridays at 5.30 p.m. will take place in the Hongkew Recreation Ground.

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,

Secretary.

Council Room,

Shanghai, August 18, 1908.

Public Band.

The performances during next week will (weather permitting) be as follows:

Mon.	Aug. 24,	9.00 p.m.	Public Garden
Tues.	" 25,	9.00 p.m.	Hongkew Recreation Ground
Wed.	" 26,	5.30 p.m.	Public Garden
Thurs.	" 27,	9.00 p.m.	Public Garden
Fri.	" 28,	5.30 p.m.	Hongkew Recreation Ground
Sat.	" 29,	5.15 p.m.	Public Recreation Ground
		9.00 p.m.	Public Garden.

Concreteware Manufactory.

The following is the Price List of drain pipes and other articles manufactured. The prices quoted are *ex* Depôt in Range Road near Woosung Road. Applications for delivery orders should be made at the Public Works Office, Hankow Road. All pipes and tubes are two feet long exclusive of socket.

Size.	Description.	Price.
		Tls.
12"	Pipes (machine made)	0.90
9"	"	0.70
6"	" (machine made)	0.40
4"	" (machine made)	0.25
6"	Bends	0.69
12"	Inverts	0.75
9"	"	0.50
6"	"	0.22
6"	Knuckle Bends	0.59
4"	"	0.40
3'0"	Circular Tubes	7.00
2'0"	"	3.70
2'3" x 1'6"	Egg-shaped Sewer Tubes	4.31
2'3" x 1'6"	Egg-shaped Sewer Drain Mouths	7.01
1'6" x 1'0"	Egg-shaped Sewer Tubes	1.96
2'3" x 1'6"	" " Inverts	2.34
1'6" x 1'0"	" " " "	1.20
6"	Junctions, extra	0.30
4"	"	0.20
4" x 2"	Pavement Tubes	0.33
No. 13	Yard Gullies (Fig. A) including cover	0.80
No. 13A	Yard Gullies (Fig. B) including cover	2.00
No. 19	Yard Gullies (Fig. C) including cover	2.56
	Revolving Top Gullies	1.00
	Covers for Fig. A Gullies	0.20
	" " B "	0.28
	" " C "	0.26
9"	Interceptors	3.44
9" to 6"	Taper Pipes	0.75
6" to 4"	"	0.50
2'0"	Gutters	0.44
4'0" x 1'6"	Street Gullies	5.50
4'0" x 2'0"	Kitchen Sinks	5.00
2'6" x 2'0"	"	4.00

Health Department.

Notification of Infectious Disease.

The following have been reported during the week ending Sunday, August 16, 1908.	Cases notified among Non-Chinese population of 14,500.	Deaths among Chinese population of 530,000
Small-pox.	0	0
Cholera.	0	0
Typhoid Fever.	1	—
Diphtheria.	0	0
Scarlet Fever.	0	0
Tuberculosis.	0	19
Total Deaths from all Causes	2	180

ARTHUR STANLEY,

Health Officer.

Departmental Report of the Superintendent of Parks and Open Spaces to the Municipal Engineer for July.

The work during the month consisted entirely of maintenance, viz., weeding, mowing, rolling, etc. The surfacing of the Public Garden paths with tar is completed, and the raising of the yard in the Reserve Garden in progress. A small piece of surplus land on Bubbling Well Road was turfed and planted with ivy, euonymus and palms.

The lawns have been weeded at Public School for Chinese, Victoria Nursing Home, Hongkew Recreation Ground and Brennan Piece.

Nurseries.—Seeds of various Spring flowering bedding plants were sown and young trees staked.

Hongkew Recreation Ground.—In addition to usual routine work, a commencement has been made in the laying out of a Rock Garden and the sloping of the margins of the lake. Eighteen lockers for holding tennis gear were fitted up in one of the wooden huts at the entrance.

Total number of visitors ...4,046.
Average number of Tennis
courts in use per day 7

Trees Staked.

Great Western Road 4
Gordon Road 2
Robison Road 6
The Bund 1

13

Trees Fastened.

North Szechuen Road 60
Ward Road 16
Ichang Road 12

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Bedding Plants Planted.

Public Garden 2,007
Chinese Public Garden 530
Victoria Nursing Home 1,994
Hongkew Recreation Ground 4,332
Bubbling Well Police Station. 40

9,103

D. MACGREGOR,
Superintendent.

Report of the Captain-Superintendent of Police for July.

Strength of the Force on July 31, 1908.

Officers	8
Foreigners	203
Indians	497
Chinese	875
Total	1,583

Larcenies.—The noticeable feature of the month is the large decrease in the number of larcenies reported, the total number being 188—the lowest on record since April 1907. The total number of cases in which the Police were successful in recovering property or arresting the thieves is quite up to the usual average.

The diminution in this class of crime is a matter for congratulation, but in certain districts the figures still remain high, this being accounted for by the class of Chinese living therein who are the prey of loafers and bad characters. Another fact, referred to in a former report, which sets a premium on thieving, is the careless manner in which doors are left open, particularly at the present season, and little or no care taken to keep moveable property in a place of safety.

Dog Kennels.—The kennels for stray dogs are situated in the Yalu Road, behind the Fire Brigade workshops, and are open to the inspection of the public.

They are under the direct charge of the Trooper Sergeant, and every effort is made to render them clean and sanitary.

In view of the number of stray dogs impounded suffering from mange, etc., difficulty is experienced in keeping the kennels altogether free from vermin though inspection will show the good condition in which they are maintained under the circumstances.

A liberal daily use of disinfectant and scrubbing is now being resorted to, and it is anticipated that complaints from the public, which have been rare in the past, will, in future, be non-existent.

Traffic.—Forty-eight cases of furious driving, an increase of sixteen over the previous month, were dealt with at the Mixed Court by fines varying from \$15 to \$40.

This is the season of the year when certain portions of the Chinese population drive out to the Western District during the night and early hours of the morning in search of cool air, and having hired fast trotting horses, race out and back. On one or two occasions fatal accidents have resulted, and it is time such cases were dealt with in a severe manner.

Japanese Court.—The leniency displayed in the treatment of a recent case is a matter for comment and is much to be regretted.

It is to be presumed that the object of a Court is to assist the Police in maintaining order, and not only to inflict such sentences as to act as a deterrent in the future, but also to maintain the authority of the law. Such has not been the case.

Here follow tables of persons coming under the notice of Police for criminal and other offences, punishments inflicted, prisoners in custody, vehicle licenses suspended and confiscated, dogs captured, etc., value of property stolen and recovered, and warrants and summonses.

K. J. McEVEN,

Deputy Superintendent.

Prisoners in Custody
on July 31, 1908.

Central Station	83
Louza Station	92
Hongkew Station	126
West Hongkew Station	51
Harbin Road Sub-Station	16
Wayside Station	18
Gaol	751
Yangtsepoo Station	12
Sinza Station	42
Bubbling Well Station	18
Total	1,209

Vehicle Licenses.

	Suspended	Confiscated
Ricscha	728	1,546
Wheelbarrow	5	16
Handcart	—	2
Total	733	1,564

Value of Property Stolen
between
June 27 and July 31, 1908.

	Dollars
Stolen	26,968.03
Recovered	12,945.03

Warrants and Summonses.

Warrants executed	45
Summonses served	127

Dogs.

At Kennels June 30, 08	18	} 175
Captured	157	
Returned	16	} 175
Killed	144	
Remaining at Kennels	15	

**Return of Persons coming under Notice of Police for
Criminal and other Offences.**

Offences.	Foreigners	Natives	Total
(a) OFFENCES AGAINST THE PERSON :—			
Murder (attempted)		1	1
Manslaughter		1	1
Attempted suicide		8	8
Cutting and wounding	1	6	7
Assault	5	64	69
Kidnapping		34	34
Cruelty to and trafficking in women and children		11	11
Bringing false charges		4	4
Desertion	1		1
(b) OFFENCES AGAINST RIGHTS OF PROPERTY :—			
Robbery		6	6
Embezzlement		13	13
Extortion		17	17
Burglary	2	31	33
Housebreaking	2		2
Obtaining goods or money by false pretences ...		15	15
Fraud		5	5
Receiving stolen property		12	12
Unlawful possession... ..		26	26
Uttering spurious coins		3	3
Arson		9	9
Larceny	4	293	297
Wilful damage		4	4
Criminal negligence (fires)... ..		2	2
Civil Offences :—Debt		30	30
Breach of Contract		10	10
Others		16	16
(c) ACTS INJURIOUS TO THE PUBLIC :—			
Common nuisances		2262	2262
Vagrancy		67	67
Returning after expulsion		14	14
Disorderly and improper conduct	15	225	240
Soliciting prostitution		60	60
Depositing garbage		114	114
Traffic :—Furious driving		48	48
Obstruction		2142	2142
Riding a bicycle without a light	2		2
Arms, unlawfully carrying... ..		5	5
Storing kerosine oil in excessive quantity ...		1	1
Public gambling		28	28
Illegal arrest or detention		2	2
Insanitary premises		3	3
Cruelty to animals		4	4
Selling lottery tickets		1	1
Selling unsound fruits		57	57
Squirting water from the mouth on to bread ...		2	2
Breach of license conditions:—Liquor	3		3
Dog	9	3	12
Opium shop		11	11
Wine-shop		5	5
Tea-shop		2	2
Laundry		3	3
Lodging-house		3	3
Evading license:—Miscellaneous		38	38
Restaurant	1		1
(d) NOT CHARGED :—			
Beggars, Hawkers, Ragpickers		2756	2756
Others... ..	38	313	351
Total ...	83	8790	8873

Return of Sentences.

Sentence.	Foreigners	Natives	Total
Imprisonment	10	421	431
Cangue		4	4
Expulsion or deportation	1	22	23
Fined	23	390	413
Imprisonment and cangue		1	1
" " expulsion		89	89
" " fined		2	2
Cangue and fined		1	1
Bail forfeited		4517	4517
Remanded	3	1	4
Cautioned	1	27	28
Dismissed	2	77	79
Released on Security		55	55
Left to Court... ..		50	50
Handed to parents or guardians		11	11
Sent to Reformatory		4	4
" Sinza Refuge		23	23
" Door of Hope		8	8
" Native Authorities		7	7
" French Police		2	2
" Charge withdrawn	2	3	5
" Property confiscated		1	1
Left to Court (stray children)		3	3
Escaped		2	2
Sent on board ship	3		3
Total ...	45	5721	5766

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MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1925.

THE Council is prepared to receive tenders for the erection of Foreign Quarters and Store (Blocks D and E) at the Police Western Depot, Gordon Road.

Plans and specifications may be seen, and all necessary information obtained, upon application to Mr. C. Mayne, M. Inst. C.E., Municipal Engineer, at the Public Works Office, Hankow Road, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Sealed tenders will be received by the undersigned not later than 4 o'clock p.m., on Tuesday, September 1, 1908, and should be marked "Tender for Police Buildings."

The Council does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender, or to pay any expenses which the contractor may incur in tendering. The contractor whose tender is eventually accepted will be required to give satisfactory security for the due performance of the contract.

The names of tenderers, with the prices quoted, will be published for general information.

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,

Secretary.

Council Room,

Shanghai, August 14, 1908.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1927.

RICSHA TICKETS.

FROM and after September 1, and until further notice, ricscha tickets will be redeemed at the Tax Office above their face value, as follows:

For a 25 cash ticket 30 cash will be paid.
 " " 45 " " 54 " " "

To obtain the benefit of this arrangement ricscha coolies should apply directly to the Tax Office where the exchange of tickets is conducted under foreign supervision.

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,

Secretary.

Council Room,

Shanghai, August 24, 1908.

At the meeting of the Council held on Thursday, August 20, 1908, at 4.30 p.m., there are present:

Messrs. D. Landale (*Chairman*)
 A. W. Burkill
 W. D. Little
 H. A. J. Macray
 O. Meuser
 W. A. C. Platt and
 The Secretary.

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Police

Foreign Branch.—Under the revised Terms of Service, approved by the Council on June 17, Warder Simms is granted the rank and pay of Senior Warder with effect from February 14.

The following are appointed 3rd Class Constables, being a draft of five recruits engaged through the London Agents, who arrived on August 3 per str. Nyanza:—

C. Burnie
 A. Paterson
 H. E. Peck
 J. C. Robson
 L. E. Todd.

The appointment of the following Probationary Sergeants is confirmed with effect from August 1:—

A. Murphy
 J. R. Murray
 T. H. Steele
 T. Aiers
 E. W. Everson
 M. O'Regan
 A. F. Grimble
 W. F. Rankin
 P. Lavelle
 John Mackenzie
 P. J. Dunne
 T. Foley
 S. G. Reading.

The appointment of Probationary Sergeant Ganley is confirmed with effect from August 8.

The promotion of the following to be 2nd Class Constables is authorized with effect from August 7:—

J. Buckley
 E. L. Dawson
 W. Jones
 J. Wilson.

Constable Bromly is dismissed the Force for gross misconduct with effect from yesterday's date.

The engagement of J. C. E. Rye as Probationary Constable is authorized.

Indian Branch.—The appointment of Jemadar Narung Singh is confirmed as from August 1.

A letter from H.M. Consul-General is read in reference to the case of Labh Singh who was discharged from the Force in May 1907 after less than two months service. As requested this

man's passage to India has been authorized, although from evidence furnished he had by misconduct forfeited all claim to consideration. The Watch Committee undertakes to give the question of dismissals from the Force, both Foreign and Indian, further attention, since in all cases re-employment in the Settlement is a matter of difficulty and dismissed men not infrequently become destitute and a menace to good order. It appears to the members that the provisions of King's Regulation No. 1 of 1906 if brought into operation may afford some solution of the point in question.

The results of the Annual Musketry Course, held on June 2, 4, 5 and 6, are submitted, and rewards from the Recreation Fund approved for issue as follows:

\$10 to the best shot in the Branch
 I.P.C. 335, Santa Singh.
 \$5 to the best shot at each target.
 \$1 to each man in the best volley squad.

Chinese Branch.—With reference to the return of this branch of August 4 it is estimated that it will take three months to recruit the remaining 122 men, and that consequently, in view of their training, it will be about seven months, or March 1, 1909, before the numbers at all stations are up to Inspectors' requirements. Owing to there being some forty odd men now in the Force who have been recommended for dismissal as inefficient as soon as they can be replaced, it will probably be the end of April before the personnel of the Chinese Branch will be on a satisfactory footing.

	Author- ized.	Actual	Re- quired
Sergeants	70	55	57
Gatemen Sergeants	14	9	9
Detective Sergeants	3	5	5
Constables	830	682	804
Gatemen Constables	13	13	18
Detective Constables	56	54	54
Interpreters	12	13	13
Teachers	10	11	11
Total	1,008	842	971

Escape of Convicts.—Police reports on the escape of four convicts on August 7 are submitted. Therefrom it appears that the men in question were working in the newly acquired Gaol Extension Yard, chained in pairs and, because the wall is yet incomplete, under the same discipline as is observed for all work outside the building itself. The statement of the re-captured man bears evidence of the absence of preconcerted action, and in assigning the responsibility for the incident the Council records the view that it was wholly due to negligence on the part of the injured Indian Warder, whose conduct while in charge of these men was contrary to standing instructions.

Cadastral lot 1960, Alcock Road.—With reference to the proposal made in October, 1906, to throw this lot into the road for the more adequate protection of the Gaol building, a reduced offer of the property is submitted by Mr. W. Scott, who states that the beneficial owner would now accept Tls. 18,000. In the opinion of the Watch Committee the advantage to be gained by this purchase would be incommensurate with the cost, and the project is therefore finally abandoned.

Policing Beyond Limits.

North Soochow Road.—In continuation of the correspondence published on June 25 the following letters are ordered for inclusion in the minutes:—

Shanghai, August 5, 1908.

SIR,—With reference to your letter of June 22 regarding the Police incident in Chapei. I have the honour to forward herewith, for your consideration and reply, copy and translation of a reply received from the Taotai on the same subject.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

D. SIFFERT,

*Consul-General for Belgium,
and Senior Consul.*

D. LANDALE, Esq.,

Chairman, Municipal Council.

Translation of letter from the Taotai to the Senior Consul, dated July 22, 1908.

In regard to the case of Chen Ping-chao, the holder of a bean-curd stall recently ejected and arrested by the West Hong-kew Police, outside their boundary, in the Chinese district in Chapei, after receipt of your letter on July 4 stating that the locality in question is the western section of the North Soochow Road and though it is outside the Settlement the property should be under the control of the Municipal Council, etc., I wrote to the Chapei Police Bureau asking for the appointment of a deputy to inquire into the matter: he now reports as follows:

From the Thibet Road Bridge westward, the Chinese district commences from the vacant land of the Chin Yuen timber hong, being directly opposite the boundary-line of Hua Tung Fang where an iron board was erected, on the west thereof being the Hua Pe Company, the property from the Yuen Shen timber hong to Sing Shen Tai hong belonging to Ching Chong, that from Sing Shen Tai hong to the corner of the Wu-chen Road belonging to a Chinese merchant named Chu Tang-tse, and that west of the Wu-chen Road to an alleyway at the Sinza (Stone) Bridge being the property of a Cantonese merchant named Chang. In 1899 the Council constructed the road along the Soochow Creek from the boundary marked by the iron board westward to the corner of the alleyway at Sinza Bridge, taking over 200 feet of land in length without payment; there was no official announcement on the part of the owners concerned to present their property to the Council, but owing to the benefit of the thoroughfare they did not raise objec-

tions to the work at the time. The section of road from the said alleyway up to the Sinza Bridge was constructed by the Chinese Police and a wooden railing was erected at the point. In regard to the Council's statement that the western portion of the North Soochow Road is their property, it should be noted that on May 22 last the stall of Chen Ping-chao was placed on the west side of the corner of the above said alleyway and near the wooden railing, being about 3 chang beyond the road constructed by the Council, and therefore this cannot be said to be under their control, and a plan with the various positions marked thereon is enclosed and it is asked that the Senior Consul be requested to direct the Council that the foreign and Indian police concerned in making the arrest in question, must be discovered and punished.

Having considered the matter I find that in marking out Settlements the authority of Chinese and other officials is defined: but, as regards outside the Settlement, all matters of the people in whatever position they occur shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the local native officials and police authorities: even the Mixed Court Magistrate has no jurisdiction over them, what authority has the Municipal Council to control them. Now the foreign police have crossed their boundary and arrested and sent a person to be imprisoned in the Mixed Court, in Chapei, this action was improper even if the scene of arrest were within the Municipal roadline: the stall being, moreover, placed at the corner of the above-mentioned alleyway, i.e., beyond the Municipal road, it is therefore evident that the foreign police have infringed the provisions of the treaties, prejudicing the police authority of the Chinese district and disturbing the local tranquillity: furthermore such should not result from any civilized intercourse. I now enclose a plan for your information and have the honour to request that you will send an officer to re-inspect the place, to confirm the above report and take steps to punish the foreign and Indian policemen who have exceeded their limits as a warning to others.

Kindly return the plan and give me a reply in your convenience.

Council Room,

Shanghai, August 15, 1908.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of August 5, enclosing a further communication from the Taotai respecting the arrest of a hawker in the North Soochow Road on May 22 last.

The list of native land proprietors in this road is somewhat difficult to apply, inasmuch as the land is registered in foreign consulates, and the Council's title to the road rests upon foreign surrender deeds.

The portion between the alley to which the Taotai refers and the Stone Bridge, i.e., the approach to the Bridge itself, remains in native hands, but the evidence of the Police is to the effect that the hawker Chen Ping-chao had placed his stall within the limits of their patrol.

As matters at present stand the North Soochow Road is almost blocked to traffic from the foot of the Bridge as far as the alley; if, therefore, the Consular Body considers it necessary to continue this correspondence, it may be well to indicate to the Taotai the desirability of giving directions for the removal of the hawkers' stalls and other obstructions with which the highway is encumbered.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

OTTO MEUSER,

Vice-Chairman.

D. SIFFERT, Esq.,

Consul-General for Belgium.

and Senior Consul.

Opium shops.

The attention of the Council is drawn to the effect of the recent closing measures on the village of Ying Hsiang Kong. Situated off the Ward Road Extension, partly within and partly without the Settlement and remote from foreign developed districts, this village has heretofore enjoyed exemption from opium licence. The native authorities have, however, closed all the houses outside limits, with the result that nineteen have been established within the boundary.

It is decided to licence the whole number forthwith and to close one-half by lot at the end of the year.

Chinese Proclamations.

Letter from the Senior Consul is read transmitting a copy of a proclamation by the Taotai relating to the murder case which occurred on July 9, and containing admonition against lawlessness in general.

This proclamation, so far as the Settlement is concerned, is not regarded by the Council as either necessary or politic, and for three reasons. In the first place the case was an isolated one and no part of a series of crimes such as would call for the exceptional remedy proposed. Secondly, the statement contained in the document as to the increased number of larcenies is misleading in the face of the Police evidence, which is to the effect that this number during last month was less than in any month for more than a year. Finally there is the standard objection to this type of proclamation, that it is an assertion of native official authority which the status of the Foreign Settlement does not warrant.

It is therefore decided, in reply, to express the hope that the Consular Body may support the view that the proclamation is not one which may properly be posted within Settlement limits.

Municipal Properties.

Isolation Hospital Site.—With reference to Cadastral lot 1151, at present an inset into this property and scheduled for inclusion, the following correspondence is ordered for publication:—

Public Works Department,

Shanghai, June 26, 1908.

MADAM,—I understand that you contemplate selling Cadastral lot 1151 Northern District. If this is so will you please note that it is scheduled for acquisition by the Council, and that you should make this known to any intending purchaser. I shall be glad to lay before the Council any offer that you may care to make.

Yours faithfully,

CHARLES MAYNE,

Engineer & Surveyor.

Mrs. C. F. JOHNSTON.

Shanghai, July 2, 1908.

SIR,—I am in receipt of your note of the 26th ultimo informing me that my property—Cadastral lot 1151 Northern District—is scheduled for acquisition by the Council and that you will be glad to lay before the Council any offer I may care to make.

Having had offers for Tls. 24,000 for said property I shall be glad to give the preference to the Municipal Council.

Yours faithfully,

C. F. JOHNSTON.

C. MAYNE, Esq.,

Engineer and Surveyor.

Council Room,

Shanghai, July 28, 1908.

MADAM,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of July 2, addressed to the Municipal Engineer, with reference to the sale of Cadastral lot 1151 for inclusion in the Isolation Hospital site.

In reply thereto, I am to state that the Council regards your valuation of Tls. 24,000 as high, in view of the fact that the property is assessed at Tls. 9,000 per mow, and thus gives a total value for Mow 0.56 of land, Tls. 5,040. The building thereon is about ten years old and its up-keep has not been quite satisfactory, the iron roof being badly corroded. The purchase value of such a building to-day is estimated at Tls. 6,300.

I am therefore directed to make a counter-offer of the sum of the above amounts with 10 per cent added for compulsory sale, or say a total of Tls. 12,500, and I am to express the hope that you will find yourself in a position to effect the sale on these terms.

I am, Madam,

Your obedient servant,

W. E. LEVESON,

Secretary.

Mrs. C. F. JOHNSTON,

42 Woosung Road.

Road Extensions and Widenings.

Chapoo Road.—The question of compensation payable in respect to the portion of Cadastral lot 893 scheduled for the widening of the above road will be referred to the Land Commission for settlement in terms of the following correspondence:—

Shanghai, June 9, 1908.

DEAR SIR,—We beg to make the under mentioned claim for land surrendered ex Cadastral lot 893 for the Chapoo Road widening:—

Land, 0.100 @ Tls. 12,000	
per mow	1,200
Plus 10 % for compulsory	
surrender	120
	1,320

We are, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

*Agents,**The Shanghai Land Investment Co., Ltd.*

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,

Secretary, Municipal Council.

Council Room,

Shanghai, June 15, 1908.

GENTLEMEN,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of June 9, containing a claim for compensation for Mow 0.1 ex Cadastral lot 893 required for the widening of the Chapoo Road, and, in reply, to state that such claim is acceptable as a basis for settlement, but that the Council is of opinion that the question of betterment should be taken into consideration.

The character of the locality generally, and of the houses at present in question and of those adjacent in particular is distinctly foreign, and there can be little doubt that the widening of the road to 40 feet will be of material benefit to the property. I am therefore, to make a counter-offer in the following terms:—

Mow 0.1 at Tls. 12,000	
per mow	Tls. 1,200
Plus 10%	120
	1,320
Less 1/3rd for betterment	440
	Tls. 880

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

W. E. LEVESON,

Secretary.

Messrs. GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

*Agents,**The Shanghai Land Investment Co., Ltd.*

Shanghai, June 17, 1908.

DEAR SIR,—We are in receipt of your letter of June 15 re the widening of Chapoo Road wherein the Council agree to our terms for the surrender of Mow 0.1 for the Chapoo Road subject to a deduction of Tls. 440 (being one-third of our claim), for betterment.

We would point out that this is most distinctly a case where betterment cannot be considered. The houses we propose to build have frontage to a private road 25 feet wide. Chapoo Road is at present over 30 feet wide at this point and this is amply sufficient for all our requirements.

The proposed widening will cause us to reduce the size of one house in the terrace and so decrease our income from the lot. In further proof that the road widening is unnecessary from our point of view we may inform the Council that the proposed new houses are all applied for at rentals already fixed and none of the applicants are aware that a road widening is anticipated.

Under these circumstances we feel sure the Council will clearly appreciate the total absence of betterment.

We are, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

*Agents,**The Shanghai Land Investment Co., Ltd.*

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,

Secretary, Municipal Council.

Council Room,

Shanghai, July 16, 1908.

GENTLEMEN,—I am directed to inform you that your letter of June 17, on the subject of the Chapoo Road widening ex Cadastral lot 893, has received consideration at the hands of the Council, and that the opinion expressed in my letter of June 15, as to the enhanced value of the neighbouring properties consequent upon the widening of this road to 40 feet, is maintained.

In view, however, of the fact that your proposed houses will front upon a private road east and west, the Council acknowledges that the betterment will be less marked in this case, and I am, therefore, directed to increase the offer of compensation from Tls. 880 to Tls. 1,000 in full settlement of your claim.

I shall be glad to learn that this arrangement is acceptable to your Company.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

W. E. LEVESON,

Secretary.

Messrs. GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

*Agents,**The Shanghai Land Investment Co., Ltd.*

Shanghai, July 21, 1908.

DEAR SIR,—We are in receipt of your letter of July 16 re the widening of the Chapoo Road ex Cad. lot 893 in which you state that the Council adhere to their opinion that betterment will result to this property by widening the Chapoo Road to 40 feet but agreeing to increase the Council's offer of compensation from Tls. 880 to Tls. 1,000 in full settlement of our claim.

From this it would appear that it is suggested to reduce the amount deducted for betterment from Tls. 440 (one-third of our original claim), to Tls. 320.

In reply we are instructed to point out to the Council—

(1). That the road immediately to the North of the land in question will not be widened for many years.

(2). That there is no reason to suppose that the road immediately to the South will be widened for some years to come.

(3). That the property is independent of the Chapoo Road in as much as every house will front on to a private road.

(4). That provided a 40-foot road will better the property (which we do not admit), the betterment is so long deferred as to have no present value.

Taking all the facts of the case into consideration we are convinced that this is a case where no betterment can be proved and where none exists and we are therefore justified in adhering to our claim as originally sent in.

We are, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

Agents,

The Shanghai Land Investment Co., Ltd.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,

Secretary, Municipal Council.

Council Room,

Shanghai, August 4, 1908.

GENTLEMEN,—In reply to your letter of July 21 I am directed to state that if the offer, contained in my letter of July 16, of compensation for the frontage strip of Cadastral lot 893 is unacceptable to your Company the case will be one for settlement by the Land Commission.

That the strips north and south of that in question will improbably be expropriated in the near future may be true; this, however, is due to the Council's prevailing practice to widen streets with a minimum of inconvenience to owners, i.e., by enforcing the relative Land Regulation only when building operations are being undertaken. This procedure is well known and has not failed to be appreciated, on the other hand that it should involve the lessening of the reduction for betterment appears to the Council inadmissible.

The improvement of the Chapoo Road which is in progress, complete as regards the section between the North Soochow and Tiendong Roads, is steadily affecting the value of the adjoining lots; it is also warranting the erection of better class houses, for it is estimated that your new rentals for the property now in question will exceed those formerly collected by nearly 90 per cent.

Your statement that the property is independent of the Chapoo Road is a surprising one. What, indeed, would be the value of the projected private road were it not a branch or feeder for the Chapoo Road? In the Council's opinion the private road, by discharging traffic into its main artery, demands that that artery be of adequate width, which is designed in the present case to be no more than the standard 40 feet.

In conclusion, I am to state that the intimate association of the interests of the Shanghai Land Investment Co., Ltd. with the improvement and development of the public streets in this Settlement

renders it inappropriate that the principles in this instance at stake should be contested.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

W. E. LEVESON,

Secretary.

Messrs. GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

Agents,

The Shanghai Land Investment Co. Ltd.

Shanghai, August 6, 1908.

DEAR SIR,—We have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of August 4 from which we note that our terms for the surrender of part of Cadastral lot 893 N. as contained in our letter of June 9 last, are unacceptable to the Council. We are, therefore, quite agreeable that the matter should be placed before the Land Commissioners as you suggest.

We are, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

Agents,

The Shanghai Land Investment Co. Ltd.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,

Secretary, Municipal Council.

Baikal Road.—The surrender without compensation of the portion of Cadastral lot 2253, measuring Mow 0.39, scheduled for the extension of the above road is noted. Registered owner, Mr. F. A. Burchardi. The raising, forming and ditching of this road will proceed so soon as the foreign surrenders are complete.

Ricsha Tickets.

With reference to the re-issue by certain firms and institutions of books of ricsha tickets of the same face value as the Municipal issue, the Council confirms the decision of the Finance Committee to offer a discount of 5 per cent to purchasers of tickets to an amount of not less than \$100 during one month.

Discussion ensues upon the subject of the profit at present accumulating on the sale of tickets owing to the depreciated value of copper cash, at present 1,240 to a dollar, and it is decided to adopt the same course as in March, 1906 when similar circumstances arose, viz., to redeem the tickets 20 per cent above their face value.

By this means the benefit of the concession accrues not to the owner or occupant of the vehicle, but to the coolie whose daily expenses are affected by the depreciated cash.

The text of the circular letter on this subject issued in 1905 is ordered for inclusion in the minutes:—

"I am directed to inform you that the Council has recently learned that a private issue of jinricsha tickets, bearing your name, is in circulation, and in this connexion to refer you to the action taken with reference to similar private issues in 1899.

"The Council of that date, with a view to the protection of jinricsha coolies and in order to put an end to the then existing system whereby native middlemen were enabled to deprive them of a considerable portion of their

just earnings, established an office under the control of the Municipal Tax Office for the issue and redemption of Municipal ricsha tickets. These tickets when brought by the coolies for redemption are cashed under foreign supervision and the full face value is paid to the coolie; there is little doubt that the introduction of the system has proved of great benefit to a hard-working and deserving class of the community.

"I am directed to express the hope that you may support this measure by inaugurating the use of Municipal tickets in lieu of your present private issue; the tickets of various denominations will be supplied upon application at the Tax Office at such times and in such quantities as you may require, and payments for the same may be made monthly upon account rendered at the rates ruling at the time being."

Taxi-Motors.

Messrs. Lavers & Clark announce the forthcoming establishment of a number of taxi-motors to ply for hire in the streets, and desire that the Council will grant a franchise for the service. In reply it will be pointed out that a franchise such as is described would require the sanction of a Meeting of Ratepayers.

At present the Council is prepared, provided the vehicles in question are found to be suitable, to licence them under certain conditions. The fee fixed in the Budget for 1908 is Tls. 6 per quarter, but it is liable to revision at each Annual Meeting.

The meeting adjourns at 6.15 p.m.

Health Department.

Notification of Infectious Disease.

The following have been reported during the week ending Sunday, August 23, 1908.	Cases notified among Non-Chinese population of 14,500.	Deaths among Chinese population of 530,000
Small-pox.	0	0
Cholera.	0	0
Typhoid Fever.	1	—
Diphtheria.	1	0
Scarlet Fever.	0	0
Tuberculosis.	0	26
Total Deaths from all Causes	1	200

ARTHUR STANLEY,
Health Officer.

Public Band.

The performances during next week will (weather permitting) be as follows:
 Mon. Aug. 31, 9.00 p.m. Public Garden
 Tues. Sept. 1, 9.00 p.m. Hongkew Recreation Ground
 Wed. " 2, 5.30 p.m. Public Garden
 Thurs. " 3, 9.00 p.m. Public Garden
 Fri. " 4, 5.30 p.m. Hongkew Recreation Ground
 Sat. " 5, { 5.15 p.m. Public Recreation Ground
 { 9.00 p.m. Public Garden.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 1908.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, August 26, 1908, at 4.30 p.m., there are present :

Messrs. D. Landale (*Chairman*)

A. W. Burkill

W. D. Little

H. A. J. Macray

O. Meuser

J. Prentice and

The Secretary.

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Police.

Indian Branch.—The discharge of the following constables on medical certificate is confirmed, deferred pay and passage money to India to be issued :—
No. 151, Labh Singh, from August 20.
No. 420, Indar Singh, from August 25.

Japanese Sailors.—Letter from the Japanese Consul-General is read requiring the Council's explanation of the action of the Police in the case in his consular court against certain sailors on August 7. From the report of the case it appears that, although the Police evidence was full and complete, the account which has reached Mr. Eitaki is at variance with the facts. This letter with reply as directed is ordered for publication :—

Shanghai, August 14, 1908.

SIR,—I have the honour to call your attention to the following points in the disputes between the sailors from H.I.J.M.S. Niitaka and a ricscha coolie, which occurred early Friday morning, the 7th instant.

(a) In the said dispute the P. Cs. (European P. Cs. 100, 166, 173 and Native P. Cs. 417, etc.) handled the sailors in the most disgraceful manner (on their way to the Police Station), beating with batons, seizing hold of arms and legs, wounding them badly, although the sailors were powerless to defend themselves. Such actions by the P. Cs. in the execution of their duties being absolutely needless, are quite illegal.

(b) After the first arrest of sailors from Okumura's house, Boone Road or about, peace being restored, the owner of the house shut up the premises. Some fifteen or twenty minutes later the P. Cs. (P. Cs. 100, 173, 166 and Native P. Cs.) came again, this time accompanied by a dog, breaking in the door, and forcing their way into the house. The dog ran about the house killing a rabbit, the property of the house owner, and ran away, while the P. Cs. arrested there a few more sailors.

For the third time the P. Cs. (P. Cs. 100, etc.) came back, and without asking permission of the house owner, searched every corner for the lost dog.

Having enough proof of the undesirable conducts of the P. Cs. as stated above, violating the right of the residents of the Settlement, I cannot pass the case without your explanation of the fact.

(c) The P. Cs. tried to arrest those who had no connexion in the case such as aged person and children while in their bed at the said house.

I hope earnestly you will kindly inquire the above points and send to me a full explanation.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

H. EITAKI,

Consul-General for Japan.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,

Secretary, Municipal Council.

Council Room,

Shanghai, August 27, 1908.

SIR,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of August 14 as to the unseemly fracas between the Police and certain Japanese sailors on August 7.

From reports furnished to the Council it appears that the incident took its rise in a dispute between a Japanese sailor and a ricscha coolie, into the merits of which it is not pertinent to enter. The fact that the sailor ran away at the approach of a native sergeant is some indication that he was in the wrong.

The subsequent arrival of two foreign constables would probably have settled the matter had not a crowd of sailors intervened, and under a mistaken notion of assisting their companion resisted the Police in the execution of their duty.

The account of the case with which you have been furnished and which your letter contains, is assailed by the Police at almost every point, and, from counter-statements submitted, it appears that the actual facts have been distorted beyond recognition.

Inasmuch, however, as the constables in question were subjected in your consular court to close cross-examination at the hands of Mr. Takishima, the acting magistrate, two additional consular representatives and a naval officer, your request for an explanation is regarded by the Council as at least unusual.

There appear to the Council to be two important features to which I am directed to draw your most particular attention :—

1°—The assistance and service which the Municipal Police Force renders to the Japanese, as to other consular courts, claims and habitually receives recognition at the hands of the presiding magistrate in the

form of courtesy, impartiality, and reproof only when the facts are indisputable evidence of mistaken action. It is a matter of common knowledge that recent proceedings in your court have not borne out this tradition.

2°—The shore leave of men-of-war in this Settlement at all times requires restrictive handling, and the presence of uncontrolled Japanese sailors, not infrequently in the possession of knives and revolvers, constitutes at any time a menace to good order.

In view of these considerations I am directed to express the hope that you may be able to introduce procedure more consonant with established usage in matters of this kind, and the Council directs me to assure you of the ready co-operation of the Police in the maintenance of decorum in your court and order among your nationals in the public streets.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. E. LEVESON,

Secretary.

H. EITAKI, Esq.,

Consul-General for Japan.

Gas Main in the Canton Road.

With reference to the judgment of the Court of Foreign Consuls given November 2, 1907, wherein the point at issue between the Council and the Gas Company was ordered for reference to arbitration, and to the subsequent Agreements of Arbitration before Mr. F. S. A. Bourne, H. M. Acting Judge, the Arbitrator's award is submitted and ordered for inclusion in the minutes.

The whole of the documents in this case with the pleadings of counsel on either side will be issued in pamphlet form.

AN AGREEMENT made the first day of July one thousand nine hundred and eight between The Shanghai Gas Company Limited a company registered under the Hongkong Ordinances and having its head office at Shanghai in the Empire of China (hereinafter called "the Company") of the one part and The Council for the Foreign Community of Shanghai (hereinafter called "the Council") of the other part. Whereas in an action brought by the Company against the Council in the Court of Consuls at Shanghai for the determination of a certain matter specified in the pleadings filed in such action the said Court did order on the fourteenth day of August One thousand nine hundred and seven that the matter under dispute be referred to arbitration. Now it is hereby agreed :—

1.—Such matter be and the same is hereby referred to the award and final determination of F. S. A. Bourne, Esq., Acting Judge of His Britannic Majesty's Supreme Court for China and Korea at Shanghai.

2.—The prayer set out in the schedule hereto shall for the purposes of this reference and for the determination of the matter in dispute be taken to be the prayer of the Company in lieu of the second part of the prayer in the petition in the said action commencing "Or in the alternative for a decision and order of this Court upon the following points:—(A)" and ending "(G) who shall bear the costs of these proceedings."

3.—The said Arbitrator shall so far as they are applicable to existing circumstances have the powers given to arbitrators under the English Arbitration Act 1889 and shall be entitled to prescribe and regulate the procedure to be followed by the parties in bringing the issues to be decided before him and on the hearing of the reference. And he shall make his award under his hand on or before the day of next or within such extended time not exceeding calendar months after that day as the said Arbitrator shall by writing under his hand appoint.

4.—The Arbitrator shall have power to proceed *ex parte* in case either party fail after reasonable notice to attend before him.

5.—The respective parties hereto will do and cause to be done all things necessary and convenient for enabling the Arbitrator to make his award without delay.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed these presents the day and year first above written.

The Schedule above referred to:—

(a.) For a declaration that the defendants have committed a breach of their agreement with the plaintiffs.

(b.) For an order that the defendants remove or procure the removal of the said tramway track at the expense of the defendants and that they make good any damage to the plaintiffs by such removal.

(c.) In the alternative to prayer (b) hereof for an order that the defendants do issue a permit to the plaintiffs for the laying of a new gas main in another part of the Canton Road and that the defendants do pay to the plaintiffs the cost of laying such new main.

(d.) In the alternative to prayers (b) and (c) hereof for a declaration.

1.—That the defendants are liable to the plaintiffs for all cost incurred hereafter by the plaintiffs in breaking up and reinstating the road and tramway track in excess of the cost which would have been incurred by the plaintiffs but for the said breach and

2.—That the defendants are liable to the plaintiffs for all other loss or damage of or to the plaintiffs arising from the said breach as the natural and probable consequence thereof.

(e.) In the alternative to prayers (b), (c) and (d) hereof for a declaration as to for what damages or compensation the defendants are liable to the plaintiffs.

(f.) For such further or other relief as the nature of the case may require.

(g.)—For costs.

The Common Seal of The Shanghai Gas Company, Limited, was hereunto affixed in the presence of:

E. JENNER HOGG, } *Directors.*
P. F. LAYERS, }
GEO. R. WINGROVE, *Secretary.*
W. GATER.

The Seal of The Council for the Foreign Community of Shanghai was hereunto affixed in the presence of

W. E. LEVESON, } *Secretary.*

AN AGREEMENT made the 21st day of August, 1908 between The Shanghai Gas Company Limited of the one part and The Council for the Foreign Community of Shanghai of the other part whereas these presents are supplemental to an agreement (hereinafter called "the Principal Agreement") dated the 1st day of July, 1908 and made between the same parties as these presents being an agreement for the reference of a certain matter in dispute between the parties to the award and final determination of F. S. A. Bourne, Esq. And whereas if the Arbitrator should determine the issue between the parties as appearing from prayer (a) of the prayers set forth in the schedule to the Principal Agreement it is possible that the parties will come to an agreement as to the remaining issues and prayers now it is hereby agreed that:—

1.—The Arbitrator may first make and publish his award in determination of prayer (a) only of the prayers set forth in the schedule to the Principal Agreement provided that at the same time he state the principles which in his opinion, should govern the determination of the remedy (if any) to which the plaintiffs may be entitled in the event of Prayer (a) being decided in their favour.

2.—Provided that either party shall be at liberty to apply to the Arbitrator to determine further issues and in such case the Arbitrator shall within three calendar months make and publish his award as to such issues as shall be agreed on by the parties or their counsel or in default of such agreement as to all the remaining issues and matters in dispute as set forth in the said schedule.

3.—Provided also that in the event of such an application for the determination of further issues the Arbitrator shall hear such further evidence and appoint such an expert or skilled assessor to assist him in the determination of such issues as the Arbitrator shall think fit.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed these presents the day and year first above written.

The Seal of The Council for the Foreign Community of Shanghai was hereunto affixed in the presence of

W. E. LEVESON, } *Secretary.*

The Common Seal of The Shanghai Gas Company, Limited, was hereunto affixed in the presence of:

E. JENNER HOGG, } *Directors.*
P. F. LAYERS, }
GEO. R. WINGROVE, *Secretary.*
W. GATER.

AWARD.

To all to whom these presents shall come I, Frederick Samuel Augustus Bourne, send greeting:

Whereas by an agreement in writing dated the first day of July, 1908, the above parties referred to my final determination a certain matter specified in the pleadings filed in an action in the Court of Consuls, except that the prayer set out in the schedule to the submission is to be taken to be the prayer of the Gas Company in lieu of the second part of the prayer in the petition in the said action so that the pleadings for the purposes of this reference take the form set out in Schedule A to this award Now know ye that I, Frederick Samuel Augustus Bourne, having taken upon me the burden of the said arbitration and having heard and duly considered all the allegations and evidence of the said respective parties of and concerning the said matters in difference so referred as aforesaid, do make and publish this my award in writing of and concerning the said matters so referred to me as follows:

1.—The issues which I have to determine are—

(a.) Have the Council broken their agreement with the Gas Co? and, if so, .

(b.) What damages or reparation ought the Council to pay or make to the Gas Company in consequence?

I determine Issue (a) as follows:

I award and determine that the Council has broken its agreement with the Gas Company.

2. To avoid misunderstanding, I must state my reasons for this part of my award at some length.

The first reference in the Council's published Reports to the Gas Company to which my attention has been directed is under the date of September 14, 1864, and reads as follows: "Lighting. The Engineer submitted a sketch of the points at which the lamps of the Gas Co. would shortly be fixed." After prolonged negotiations with the Gas Co. noted in the Municipal Reports *passim*, it was proposed by the Finance Rate and Appeal Committee in their Report for the year ended March 31, 1866, that a rate of 1 per cent on rentals be charged to cover the cost of illuminating the English Settlement with gas. The supply of gas for public lighting went on under temporary arrangements between the Council and the Gas Co., no doubt recorded by an exchange of letters, until 1898 when for the first time a written contract was concluded.

This contract was amended and renewed by an agreement in writing dated August 5, 1902 which has been renewed from time to time and is still running with this modification, however, that on July 21, 1905, it was agreed by letters between the Council and the Gas Co. that the Company should allow the Council a discount of 25 per cent on all sums payable to the Gas Co. on account of public lighting in consideration of the privilege which the Company enjoys of the use of the Municipal Roads for its pipes and mains. The discount amounted in 1907 to over \$7,500. The written contracts above refer almost entirely to public lighting.

On reviewing the above relations between the Council and the Gas Co. it is clear to me that the whole of the contract between the parties was never reduced to writing. The community desired gas in 1865 in the same way that they desired tramways in 1904. The Gas Co. agreed to supply gas to those who chose to pay for it, and the Council agreed in consideration of the community's desire being met to allow the use of the roads to carry the gas mains. Such a contract would have been implied in law because the Court must have held that that was the intention of the parties. For example, suppose that after the Gas Co. had been allowed by the Council to put down their mains, the Council without just cause had refused to allow the Company to take up the roads in order to connect their mains by pipes with the houses of consumers, the Court must have implied that such connexion would be allowed it being implied that Council would do nothing without just cause to make the carrying out of gas lighting impossible. It seems to me incompatible with just relations between the Council, representing the public local interests of the community, and the Gas Co. a semi-public concern dealing in a public convenience and doing what is often done by Municipalities for themselves, that the Council should say "we have nothing to do with you except that you supply gas for the public lamps." And the letter from the Council to the Gas Co. dated July 21, 1905 (Report 1905, p. 371) shows that the Council themselves take a much broader view of their obligations for they say there in regard to a stipulation with the Gas Co. that they "are actuated solely by the desire to protect the foreign and native community," etc., etc. I have no doubt that the following term would have been implied all along, and must certainly be implied now that the Gas Co. pay for the use of the roads, namely, that the Council should be liable for their wilful and unnecessary act or default causing damage to the mains of the Company under the streets of which the Council has charge. This implied term is founded on the presumed intention of the parties and upon reason (Bowen L. J. in re Moorcock 14 P. D., p. 68) I think on the other hand, that such a term as that the Council should at no time put down wood or rubber pavement because

this would make access by the Company to their mains more difficult and costly, ought not to be implied, because the Council would not have agreed thereto, for such improvements might at any time become necessary in the public interest. Changes of this sort can, I suppose, be met by adjustments of the price charged by the Company for gas.

3.—The next question I must answer is: Was the act complained of, i.e., allowing the Tramway Company to put their track over the Gas Company's main in the Canton Road, a wilful and unnecessary act or was it necessary in the public interest? All parties had long notice that tramways were likely to come: and on February 28, 1899, in reply to a letter from the Gas Company, pointing out possible danger to their property from tramways, the Council wrote that "in the event of a concession for public tramways being eventually approved by the Ratepayers, the Council will adopt every possible precaution to ensure that the tramway lines are laid down in accordance with the best modern practice and protectionary clauses will be inserted in the agreement with this end in view." And when in 1905 a concession was granted to the present Tramway Company a clause was inserted (Clause 12) providing that the Tramway Company should make full compensation to all parties for all loss or damage they might sustain by reason of any interference with gas mains, etc. Now if the Council were in the position of the legislature of an independent State they would be able to make the Tramway Company directly liable to the Gas Co., as is done in England by the Tramway Act, 1870, which provides that a Tramway Co. when about to commence work shall give seven days' notice to any Gas Co. having mains in a street they intend to traverse with a plan and section of the proposed work. If the Gas Co. then require the Tramway Co. to remove their main, the Tramway Co. must, if the demand be reasonable, do so at their own expense, or, in case of difference between the Tramway Co. and Gas Co., the Board of Trade appoints an engineer as referee. But the Council, although supreme when acting within the powers granted by the Land Regulations, cannot by its contract with the Tramway Co. make the Tramway Co. liable to an action at the suit of the Gas Co., because a man cannot acquire rights under a contract to which he is not a party (In re Empress Engineering Co., 16 C. D., p. 125). The Council had or should have had this principle in its mind when Mr. King-Hiller, the Gas Company's Engineer, wrote to Mr. Leveson, the Council's Secretary, on December 29, 1906, protesting against a permit being issued to the Tramway Co. to construct their track immediately over the Gas Co.'s main in the Canton Road, and should have delayed the issue of the permit to the Tramway Co. until the Tramway Co., had come to terms with the Gas Co. on the lines of Clause 12 of the Tramway Agreement, the Council requiring these Companies to appoint an

arbitrator in case of disagreement. Instead of this on January 10, 1907, the Council replied to the Gas Co. that they had decided to leave the settlement of this question in the hands of the Companies concerned, and that the permit for the construction of the Canton Road track was being issued that morning, that is to say, the Council authorized the Tramway Co. to construct their line in the Canton Road over the Gas Co.'s mains. They thus put the Gas Co. in the position of not being able to sue on the Tramway contract and of being faced, if they sued in tort, with the defence that the Tramway Co. had done no more than the Council had authorized them to do under the Clauses (1) and (2) of their agreement. Both Companies must go where they are told to go by the Council (v. Municipal By-law III Tramway Agreement, Clause 1, Permit-to-open Highway Clause 5) without whose control, the various companies using the streets would be in chaos: some one must exercise paramount control; and therefore accept obligation: if the Council will not, who is to? I find the issue of a permit to the Tramway Co. to have been a wilful act, and unnecessary in the public interest.

4.—The only remaining question under issue (a) is this, Has the Gas Co. actually suffered damage by the tramway track being carried over its main in the Canton Road? In regard to electrolysis, the Council has admitted in writing that "there is a probability (be it small or great) of damage by electrolysis to the Company's pipes in Canton Road in consequence of the propinquity of the tramway rails to such pipes or some of them." Mr. Mayne in giving evidence, in answer to a question by me, said it would according to good engineering practice be better not to leave the gas main under the tramway track for over half a mile. Mr. King-Hiller, the Gas Co.'s Engineer, pointed out the danger of settlement of the ground, the lead forming the joint being drawn out of the socket and a leak of gas ensuing—or the pipe might break; also the danger of a pipe that is half-embedded in concrete and half in mud breaking. In case of a leak the gas might make its way under the flooring boards of a house, and be set alight accidentally and cause damage. He considered the danger of explosion greater because of the bed of concrete over the main tending to keep the gas below instead of allowing it to escape in a vertical direction. Mr. H. J. Hardy, the out-door Superintendent of the Gas Company, said that for twenty feet the tram rail was only $\frac{3}{8}$ -in above the gas main and that the gas main was partially included in the concrete bed for one hundred feet. I can have no doubt that the Gas Co. has suffered damage.

5.—The Council have therefore by their wilful and unnecessary act caused damage to the Gas Co.'s main in the Canton Road, and for this damage they are liable.

6.—I have followed English law in my award on the above issue because the case was presented to me by counsel for both parties from that point of view; but I would add that I arrive at the same result from the point of view of the general law of the Continent of Europe (of Articles 1382 and 1383 of the Code Civil des Français).

7.—Whereas by an agreement in writing dated the 21st day of August 1908 supplemental to the agreement dated the first day of July 1908 above recited, it was agreed between the parties to this reference that I should first make and publish my award in determination of prayer (a) only of the prayers set out in the schedule to the said agreement of first day of July provided at the same time I state the principles which in my opinion should govern the determination of the remedy to which the plaintiffs may be entitled in the event of prayer

a being decided in their favour, and whereas I have above decided prayer (a) in favour of the plaintiffs, I now state the principles which in my opinion should guide the determination of the remedy to which the plaintiffs are entitled as follows: The Gas Co. should be as far as possible put at the expense of the Council in as good a position as they would have been in if the question of what ought to have been done in regard to the tramway line and the Gas Co.'s main in the Canton Road had been referred to an arbitrator before the tramway track was laid, provided that such arbitrator shall be taken to have considered in making his award first the public interest and public safety and then the interest of the two companies concerned, and to have determined the course the tramway line and the gas main could most economically follow by considering the space available in the Canton Road for all public and semi-public uses putting the gas main as nearly as local conditions admit in as favourable a position as it was in before the Tramway Co. laid the track, the Gas Co. being charged with any gain that might accrue to them through any change ordered, and not being allowed anything on account of greater difficulty of access to their main where greater difficulty of access was unavoidable looking to the public interest and local conditions. The Council should not be looked upon as insuring the Gas Co. as great advantages as they had before the advent of the Tramway Co., but as affording them as much as public safety requires and as existing conditions will reasonably admit.

8.—And I further award and order that the Council shall pay the costs to date of this arbitration.

It witness whereof I have hereunder subscribed my name this 24th day of August, 1908.

F. S. A. BOURNE,
Arbitrator.

Signed and published by the said F. S. A. Bourne in the presence of

J. L. SMITH,

Vice-Consul,

H.B.M. Consulate-General, Shanghai

Recreation Ground for Eastern District.

Referring to former minutes on this subject, the Works Committee is about to make a selection of a locality from among various pieces of land at present on offer to the Council. Since, however, no provision is contained in the Budget for this expenditure, a decision is necessary as to whether the land purchase should be concluded without the Ratepayers' formal sanction, or whether the project should be deferred until March next.

An open space for this growing district will unquestionably be a necessity in the course of a few years; for this reason it is considered probable that the Ratepayers will endorse such action as the Council may take in this matter, and it is decided to complete the transaction in the Committee's discretion.

Road Extensions and Widenings.

Alcock Road.—The completion of the making up of the road east of the Gaol is authorized at an estimated cost of Tls. 2,183.

Jessfield Road.—The widening of this road to 40 feet at the east end of the northern side of the loop has been arranged with the beneficial owner; an area of Mow 0.757 to be acquired for the sum of Tls. 1,026. There will remain in the Council's possession a small strip measuring Mow 0.333 of available surplus land.

Public Lighting.

The re-lighting of the tramway route in the Central District (Chekiang, Hoopoh, Chefoo and Canton Roads) is authorized for completion in accordance with the approved plan for the district in question. The change involves the erection of 23 new arc electric lights and the removal of 14 gas lamps.

Electricity Department.

Accounts.—The accounts of the Department for the half-year ending June 30 are submitted, showing a balance carried forward, after payment of interest, depreciation, etc., of Tls. 33,000, which is regarded by the members as satisfactory.

Plant.—With reference to the erection of the new turbine, now about to be undertaken, it is decided, upon the recommendation of the Electricity Committee, to accept the offer of the manufacturers, Messrs. Willans and Robinson, to send their own erector from Osaka for the superintendence of the work.

Ricsha Tickets.

Reply from the Shanghai Club is read to the Council's letter on the subject, stating that, having granted provisional permission to the Club porter to issue tickets for a period of three months, the Committee is unable to take further action until this period is expired. The Club's letter encloses a list of other hongs, etc., who are stated to be issuing tickets, and the hope is expressed that the minute published last week on the subject will have some effect in checking these private issues.

The meeting adjourns at 6 o'clock p.m.

Health Department.

Notification of Infectious Disease.

The following have been reported during the week ending Sunday August 30, 1908.	Cases notified among Non-Chinese population of 14,500.	Deaths among Chinese population of 530,000
Small-pox.	0	0
Cholera.	0	0
Typhoid Fever.	0	—
Diphtheria.	2	0
Scarlet Fever.	0	0
Tuberculosis.	0	21
Total Deaths from all Causes	3	202

ARTHUR STANLEY, Health Officer.

Public Band.

The performances during next week will (weather permitting) be as follows:

Mon. Sept. 7,	9 p.m.	Public Garden
Tues. " 8,	9 p.m.	Hongkew Recreation Ground
Wed. " 9,	5 p.m.	Public Garden
Thurs. " 10,	9 p.m.	Public Garden
Fri. " 11,	5 p.m.	Hongkew Recreation Ground
Sat. " 12,	5.15 p.m.	Public Recreation Ground
	9.00 p.m.	Public Garden.

Surplus Plant.

The following machinery, etc., being that used in the construction of the Garden and Chekiang Road Bridges is for sale. Further particulars and permission to view the plant may be obtained on application at the Public Works Office, Hankow Road.

- 1 8" Centrifugal pump (Invincible) with engine complete. Cyl. 7½" by 6" stroke.
- 1 7" Centrifugal pump (Gwynne) with engine complete. Cyl. 7" by 6" stroke.
- 1 6" Centrifugal pump (Gwynne) with engine complete. Cyl. 6" by 6" stroke.
- 1 6" Centrifugal pump (Gwynne) with horizontal engine complete. Cyl. 9" by 8" stroke.
- 1 Steam winch. Cyl. 4½" by 9" stroke. Single purchase. Light standard.
- 1 Steam winch. Cyl. 4½" by 9" stroke. Double purchase. Light standard.
- 1 Steam winch. Cyl. 5" by 10" stroke. Double purchase. Heavy standard.
- 1 Hoisting engine. Single cylinder with 5 ft. fly wheel. Cyl. 8" by 13" stroke.
- 1 20 cwt. "Lacour" steam pile hammer.
- 1 Cast iron rose box and foot valve complete for 8" pump.
- 2 Cast iron rose boxes and foot valves complete for 6" pump.
- 22 Feet 7" Cast iron pipe in 76" lengths.
- 32 Feet 6" Cast iron pipe in 76" and 20" lengths.
- 29 Feet 4½" Cast iron pipe in 70" and 60" lengths.
- 1 7" Cast iron short bend.
- 2 6" Cast iron short bends.
- 3 4" Cast iron short bends.
- 6 Brass valves. Sizes 1½", 1", ¾" and 2¼".
- 2 3" Hand pumps complete.
- 3 Snatch blocks 7" sheave.
- 3 Single sheave blocks 8" sheave.
- 3 Double sheave blocks 3" sheaves.
- 2 Treble sheave blocks 6" sheaves.
- 1 Turn buckle 1½" screw.
- 17 Crow bars 1½" by 5'0".
- 23 Axes from 12 to 34".
- 1 Adze.
- 1 Weighing Machine.

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At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, September 2, 1908, at 4.30 p.m., there are present :

Messrs. D. Landale (*Chairman*)
A. W. Burkill
W. D. Little
J. H. McMichael
O. Meuser
J. Prentice and
The Secretary.

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Volunteers.

Municipal Challenge Cup (Established 1872).—The Commandant reports to the effect that the conditions under which the cup is shot for are in need of alteration to render them more in accordance with present-day ideas of championship matches, and thus a higher test of skill than heretofore. Colonel Watson points out that the cup is the most valuable trophy which is competed for by individuals at the Corps Meeting, and as such should be won by steady and accurate shooting under varying conditions rather than by bull's-eye target shooting only. The revised conditions which he proposes are approved as follows:—

To be shot for at the Autumn Prize Meeting and won three times consecutively or four times in all before becoming the absolute property of any holder. In the event of the successful competitor at one meeting failing to win the cup when it is next competed for the Council will present him with an extra prize value Tls. 50: in evidence of his having been a holder of the cup.

1°. 200 yards (Snap Shooting in attack).—Head target one foot high. Exposed seven times for three seconds each time. Five rounds. Competitors may aim or fire at any time during or between exposures: they will forfeit any rounds unfired. About thirty seconds will elapse between exposures. Each hit will be signalled by raising a disc, but the position of the hits will not be shown. Misses and ricochets will not be signalled. Scoring—Five points for direct hits only.

2°. 500 yards (Rapid firing).—Second-class figure target as per Musketry Regulations as amended by A. O. February 1907. Target 6-ft. square. Colour—Lower half regulation shade of brown, upper half white. Scoring 24-in. ring bull's-eye 4 points, 40-in. ring inner 3 points, 56-in. ring magpie 2 points, remainder of target outer 1 point. Rings to be invisible to the firer. Direct hits only count. Two compulsory sighting shots which will be signalled, after which forty-five seconds allowed for each firer. Rounds

unlimited. The magazine for the purpose of the competition for 1908 will be charged with seven rounds whether the Lee-Enfield or the short magazine Lee-Enfield Mark III rifle is used. The timing will be reckoned from the command "Fire." After the magazine is emptied the remainder of the rounds, which may be placed in the bandolier, pouch or on the ground, will be used by single loading. The score will be signalled or telephoned to the firing point when each competitor has fired.

3°. 800 yards (Sighting).—First-class Target with Bisley bull's-eye, inner and magpie. Five rounds. Direct hits but not misses or ricochets will be signalled. Position of hits will be shown by spotting discs. Targets will be exposed five times for twenty seconds each time, and forty-five seconds will be allowed after all signalling is finished before the next exposure. Rounds not fired will be forfeited. Scoring Bisley. No sighting shots.

Municipal Properties.

Bubbling Well Cemetery.—The Health Officer reports that the 2nd-Class grave space accommodation at this cemetery is nearly filled up. At his recommendation it is decided to raise, turf and otherwise prepare the south-west corner of the cemetery, at present used for nursery garden purposes, at an estimated cost of Tls. 2,450, and the work is accordingly authorized to be carried out.

Road Extensions and Widenings.

Chekiang and Soochow Roads.—For the improvement of the corner of these roads ex Cadastral lot 567, the offer of Messrs. Hanson, McNeill & Jones of an area of Mow 0.02 at the rate of Tls. 17,000 per mow plus 10 per cent is authorized for acceptance.

Tsepoo and North Honan Roads.—Surrenders ex Cadastral lot 633 for the widening of these roads have been arranged with Mr. H. Lester in terms of the following correspondence:—

Shanghai, August 5, 1908.

DEAR SIR,—In reply to your letter of July 23, inquiring upon what terms I am prepared to surrender a portion of B. C. Lot No. 1588, for the purpose of widening the Tsepoo Road.

The land is assessed at Tls. 12,000 per mow, and you desire to acquire Mow 0.088 of it. Therefore—

Mow 0.088 of land at the rate of Tls. 12,000 per mow is	Tls. 1,056.00
Add 10 per cent for forced sale	" 105.60
	<u>Tls. 1,161.60</u>

The rent of each house fronting the present road is \$10 a Chinese month, and I believe that it will be impossible to obtain more when the road is widened.

As to the strip in front of Nos. 170,171 and 172 North Honan Road, comprising 2 li, the land I take it is worth Tls. 14,000 per mow, so that 2 li of land at the rate of Tls. 14,000 per mow is Tls. 280

Add 10 per cent for forced sale 28

Detriment caused by setting back the 3 shops 4 feet 4 inches inside the line of frontage of the other shops, add $\frac{1}{2}$ 103

Tls. 411

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

HENRY LESTER.

C. MAYNE Esq.,

Engineer and Surveyor.

Council Room,

Shanghai, August 18, 1908.

SIR,—In acknowledging the receipt of your letter of August 5, addressed to the Municipal Engineer, on the subject of the surrender of two portions of Cadastral lot 633 required for the widening of the Tsepoo and North Honan Roads respectively, I am directed to reply as follows:

The present width of the Tsepoo Road immediately fronting the surrenderable strip ranges from 21-ft. to 11-ft. 10-in. and the Council considers that the scheduled proposal to increase this width to 30-ft. should receive more than the ordinary co-operation on the part of the owners concerned. Particularly is this so in your case since the lot in question is a large one, exceeding Mow 23, and controls the entire frontage of the road between the North Kiangse and North Honan Roads. I am therefore to make a counter-offer in the following terms:—

Mow 0.088 at assessed value,	
Tls. 12,000 per mow	Tls. 1,056.
Plus 10 per cent	166
	<u>1,162</u>
Less one-half for betterment	581
	<u>Tls. 581</u>

In so far as your claim relates to the strip required for the North Honan Road the Council is of opinion that compensation should not exceed the assessed value of the property with the

addition of 10 per cent, or a sum of Tls. 264 for the Mow 0.02 involved. Your claim for alleged detriment caused by setting back the shops to the new line is unusual, and appears scarcely warranted by experience.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

H. LESTER Esq.

Shanghai, August 26, 1908.

DEAR SIR,—In reply to your letter dated August 18, relating to the widening of the Tsepoo Road, on behalf of the proprietor of B.C. Lot No. 1588, I am willing to accept the following modification of your offer:—

Mow 0.088, at assessed value Tls. 12,000 per mow	Tls. 1,056
Plus 10 per cent	106
	1162
Less one-third for betterment	387
	775

I believe this would be a fair arrangement, as three parties gain the benefit of the formation of the road, the land-owners on the north and south of it, and the public the advantage of a new useful thoroughfare.

As regards the small strip taken from B.C. Lot No. 1070 in the North Honan Road, as I am compelled to accept the Council's views, it is no use discussing the matter.

I am, Dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,
HENRY LESTER.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,
Secretary, Municipal Council.

Council Room,

Shanghai, September 1, 1908.

SIR,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of August 26, on the subject of the widening of the Tsepoo and North Honan Roads ex Cadastral lot 633, and, in reply thereto, I am to state that, noting your acceptance of the Council's offer in regard to the latter road, the Council is willing to accede to your modification in respect to the former, i.e., to accept surrender of Mow 0.088 for the sum of Tls. 775.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

H. LESTER, Esq.

Public School for Chinese.

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee of the Public School for Chinese of August 29 are read and confirmed. There are present:—

Messrs. J. C. Ferguson
H. A. J. Macray
Shen Tun-ho
Chu Lan-fong
The Headmaster and
The Secretary.

In the absence of the Chairman Mr. Ferguson is elected to act in this capacity, and he takes the opportunity of expressing the satisfaction of the Committee at the addition to its number of Mr. Macray, who has replaced Mr. A. D. Lowe on resignation.

Pupils.—The Headmaster states that the total attendance at the close of last term was 422, and that he has arranged to attend for the registration of new pupils for the ensuing term during the mornings of September 3, 4 and 5.

Foreign Staff.—From a letter from the London Agents it is noted that Mr. S. Rayner, the candidate selected for the third assistant mastership by Mr. C. S. Addis and the Rev. A. J. Walker, will arrive per str. Sumatra towards the end of next month.

Complaints.—With reference to an abusive leaflet, a copy of which has been furnished for the Committee's information, and to a letter from certain of the boys, communicated through Mr. Shen, the Headmaster reports substantially to the effect that the statements and complaints of ill-treatment therein are utterly unfounded. The Committee is of opinion that these documents call for little if any attention, and that the untruthful statements and unsatisfactory mode of presentation demand severe measures. It is therefore arranged that the Headmaster at the opening of the new term shall formally announce the expulsion from the School of the two boys to whom the authorship of the documents has been traced.

Corporal Punishment.—Discussion ensues on the extent, if any, to which corporal punishment should be permitted. The Chairman's experience is to the effect that the adoption of expulsion as punishment in serious cases is as effective and to some extent preferable. The Headmaster states that resort to the cane has been of rare occurrence under his régime while, at the same time, he regards it as a necessary part of systematic teaching work. The Committee directs that in any case corporal punishment be inflicted by the Headmaster only, and that it be confined to boys of above seven and below thirteen years of age.

Public Band.

From the minutes of the meeting of the Band Committee of August 27, read and confirmed, it is noted that arrangements have been made whereunder Musician J. Alinsod will proceed to Manila to enlist men to fill existing vacancies in the Band.

With respect to the resignation by Mr. Maitland of his seat on the Committee, owing to his approaching departure for England, a minute is recorded expressive of regret at the loss of his services, and it is decided to request Mr. F. J. Burrett to fill his seat.

Electricity Department.

Extensions.—An extension of the mains of about 300 yards to the Haiphong Road is authorized upon the usual terms, viz., that the applicant will pay a contribution of 10 per cent per annum upon the capital cost involved until such time as the new line is upon a profitable basis.

Tenders.

The following are authorized for acceptance:—

Printing the Annual Municipal Report for 1908, Messrs. Kelly & Walsh, Ltd., Tls. 10.25 per page for 1,500 copies, being the same price as last year.

Erection of a motor shed and petrol storage house for the Public Works Department, Tls. 375. Estimated cost of work involved to be executed by the Department.

Erection of additional Foreign and Indian quarters at Wayside Police Station, Sah Jin-kee, Tls. 24,796, with extras amounting to Tls. 6,060, as follows:

	Foreign Building. Tls.	Indian Building. Tls.
Contractor's tender	16,982	7,650
Drains, cementware, etc.....	800	810
Electric light & water	1,330	400
Damp course, felt, tiles, locks, etc....	1,330	890
Artificial stone	500	—
	Tls. 20,942	Tls. 9,750

Transporting the new 800 K. W. Willans turbine from the China Merchants' Central Wharf, and supplying labour for erecting at the Electricity Works, Ah Choy, Tls. 420.

Erecting a jetty in reinforced concrete on the northern bank of the Soochow Creek east of the Chekiang Road Bridge, C. Luthy, Tls. 460.

Repairs to the Engine and other renewals to the Police Motor Car, No. 99, Shanghai Horse Bazaar Co., Ltd. Tls. 350.

The meeting adjourns at 5.45. p.m.

Public Band.

The performances during next week will (weather permitting) be as follows:

Mon. Sept. 14,	9 p.m.	Public Garden
Tues. " 15,	9 p.m.	Hongkew Recreation Ground
Wed. " 16,	5 p.m.	Public Garden
Thurs. " 17,	9 p.m.	Public Garden
Fri. " 18,	5 p.m.	Hongkew Recreation Ground
Sat. " 19,	5.15 p.m.	Public Recreation Ground
	9.00 p.m.	Public Garden.

Health Department.**Notification of Infectious Disease.**

The following have been reported during the week ending Sunday September 6, 1908.	Cases notified among Non-Chinese population of 14,500.	Deaths among Chinese population of 530,000
Small-pox.	0	0
Cholera.	0	0
Typhoid Fever.	1	—
Diphtheria.	1	2
Scarlet Fever.	0	0
Tuberculosis.	0	26
Total Deaths from all Causes	2	213

• ARTHUR STANLEY,
Health Officer.

Surplus Plant.

The following machinery, etc., being that used in the construction of the Garden and Chekiang Road Bridges is for sale. Further particulars and permission to view the plant may be obtained on application at the Public Works Office, Hankow Road.

- 1 8" Centrifugal pump (Invincible) with engine complete. Cyl. 7½" by 6" stroke.
- 1 7" Centrifugal pump (Gwynne) with engine complete. Cyl. 7" by 6" stroke.
- 1 6" Centrifugal pump (Gwynne) with engine complete. Cyl. 6" by 6" stroke.
- 1 6" Centrifugal pump (Gwynne) with horizontal engine complete. Cyl. 9" by 8" stroke.
- 1 Steam winch. Cyl. 4½" by 9" stroke. Single purchase. Light standard.
- 1 Steam winch. Cyl. 4½" by 9" stroke. Double purchase. Light standard.
- 1 Steam winch. Cyl. 5" by 10" stroke. Double purchase. Heavy standard.
- 1 Hoisting engine. Single cylinder with 5 ft. fly wheel. Cyl. 8" by 13" stroke.
- 1 20 cwt. "Lacour" steam pile hammer.
- 1 Cast iron rose box and foot valve complete for 8" pump.
- 2 Cast iron rose boxes and foot valves complete for 6" pump.
- 22 Feet 7" Cast iron pipe in 7'6" lengths.
- 32 Feet 6" Cast iron pipe in 7'6" and 2'0" lengths.
- 29 Feet 4½" Cast iron pipe in 7'0" and 6'0" lengths.
- 1 7" Cast iron short bend.
- 2 6" Cast iron short bends.
- 3 4" Cast iron short bends.
- 6 Brass valves. Sizes 1½", 1½", ¾" and 2¼".
- 2 3" Hand pumps complete.
- 3 Snatch blocks 7" sheave.
- 3 Single sheave blocks 6" sheave.
- 3 Double sheave blocks 3" sheaves.
- 2 Treble sheave blocks 8" sheaves.
- 1 Turn buckle 1½" screw.
- 17 Crow bars 1½" by 5'0".
- 23 Augers from ½" to 1½".
- 1 Adz.
- 1 Weighing Machine.

Accident to Mrs. Butler.

CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS, STATEMENT OF CLAIM, DEFENCE, AND ARBITRATOR'S AWARD.

Shanghai, May 29, 1908.

DEAR SIR,—Shortly before five o'clock yesterday afternoon almost immediately opposite the Race Club entrance in Bubbling Well Road an accident occurred through one of the Municipal water-carts whereby my wife was badly kicked by the horse (or pony) in same and run over by one of the wheels and very badly injured.

I shall be glad to learn without any delay what your Council intends to do in the matter.

I shall also thank you to send me copy of the police report on the accident and details as to the condition of the water-cart whether the same was full of water or not as also the actual weight of same in whatever condition it is found that the same was.

I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

CLARANCE H. BUTLER.

The SECRETARY.

Municipal Council.

Council Room,

Shanghai, June 4, 1908.

SIR,—In accordance with the request contained in your letter of May 29, I am directed to hand you, herein enclosed, a copy of the Police report on the accident which took place on the preceding day, whereby Mrs. Butler was severely injured.

From further accounts obtained it appears that the pony, which was a restive one and on this account had with it a special second mafoo, was startled by the hydrant coolie dropping the key on the pavement. The cart was empty at the time of the accident and the weight on one wheel was about 750-lbs.

I am directed to convey to you, and through you to Mrs. Butler, an expression of the Council's sincere regret for the occurrence.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. E. LEVESON,

Secretary.

C. H. BUTLER, Esq.

EXTRACT FROM THE POLICE DAILY REPORT.

May 29, 1908.

Accident, Sinza.—At 5 p.m., while Municipal water-cart No. 55 was being filled from a hydrant on the Bubbling Well Road near Taising Road, the sudden rush of water into the empty cart frightened the pony causing it to bolt along the Bubbling Well Road, when near the Race Club gate the cart collided with a licensed ricsha man hling it and throwing the occupant, Mrs. Butler, of 350 Avenue Paul Brunat, out on to the road. Mrs. Butler was kicked by the pony and one of the wheels of the cart passed over her body.

The injured lady was taken into No. 91 Bubbling Well Road and attended to by Dr. Marsh, who stated that Mrs. Butler was severely injured, but that there was a chance of her recovery. Accident witnessed by C. C. 629. The mafoo was thrown from his box and sustained a fracture of the thigh and a sprained arm, he was conveyed to the Shantung Road Hospital and detained.

Shanghai, June 5, 1908.

DEAR SIR,—I am in receipt of your favour of the 4th instant enclosing copy of police report on the accident of the 28th ultimo whereby my wife was severely injured, for which I am much obliged.

While thanking the Council for the expression of their regret for the occurrence I note that you refrain from conveying to me what their intentions are in the matter, a question which formed part of the subject matter of my letter of the 29th ultimo.

Should the Council be willing to offer ample compensation for the material and physical damages I shall be willing to close the matter on a satisfactory agreement as to amount.

I regret that I cannot but regard the whole matter in a very serious light in view of the possible serious developments in later life whereby the health of my wife may be permanently injured; indeed, it is not as yet possible to determine whether there is not the possibility of her injuries resulting in immediate serious and permanent ill.

Yours faithfully,

CLARANCE H. BUTLER.

The SECRETARY,

Municipal Council.

Shanghai, June 13, 1908.

SIR.—On the 29th ultimo I wrote you asking you to kindly ascertain from the Council what their intentions were in regard to the accident which befell my wife through one of the Municipal water-carts, and to communicate the same to me without delay. On the 5th instant I again wrote you pointing out that in your reply to the above referred to letter of the 29th ultimo bearing date 4th instant you avoided all reference to this matter.

As it is now more than two weeks since this matter has been before the Council and I am still without your favoured reply, I regret that I shall have no option but to place the matter in the hands of my legal advisers.

Yours faithfully,

CLARANCE H. BUTLER.

The SECRETARY,

Municipal Council.

Council Room,

Shanghai, June 13, 1908.

SIR,—In reply to your letter of June 5 on the subject of the recent accident to Mrs. Butler, I am directed to state that the Council does not admit any liability in the matter. On the other hand I am to express the Council's willingness to submit to arbitration preferably of the Acting Judge or Acting Assistant Judge of H. M. Supreme

Court, any claim which you may feel justified in making in respect of the occurrence.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

C. H. BUTLER, Esq.

EXTRACT FROM PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT.

July 6, 1908.

On the 3rd instant, our Chinese water-cart foreman received a letter in Chinese from Mr. C. H. Butler asking him to see him at Messrs. Holliday, Wise & Co.'s office on important business.

As this foreman had not witnessed the accident I did not prevent him going this morning, when Mr. Butler asked him several questions and then took him round to Messrs. Ellis & Hays where he was interrogated further, but he could only give the story that he had heard from the mafoo. When he left Mr. Butler gave him \$2.00 and asked him to take the water-cart mafoo there again at 2 p.m.

The foreman reported this and asked for instructions. He has been told that the mafoo is to say that he cannot go without the Council's permission.

July 7, 1908.

In continuation of my report of yesterday, a detective's second from Louza has just called here to say that the detective has been asked by Mr. Butler to take the water-cart mafoo to him.

I have asked the Police to reply that they could not take the mafoo without permission from the Public Works Department.

CHARLES MAYNE,
Engineer & Surveyor.

Shanghai, July 8, 1908.

DEAR SIR,—We have been instructed by our client Mrs. Butler to communicate with you in reference to an accident which occurred on May 28 last in the Bubbling Well Road, when a pony drawing one of the Council's water-carts collided with our client and ran over her, causing serious injuries. Our client has handed to us the correspondence which has passed between yourself and Mr. Butler, and it appears to us that the responsibility for this accident lies with the Municipal Council. It only remains for us therefore, before taking any further steps in the matter to ask what the Council propose to do in the matter. The injuries suffered by our client are very serious indeed, and we feel sure that the Council will take a proper view of the case and will be prepared to compensate our client for the injuries which she has sustained.

Trusting that we shall hear from you at your earliest convenience.

We remain,
Yours faithfully,
ELLIS & HAYS.

The SECRETARY,
Municipal Council.

Shanghai, July 28, 1908.

SIR,—In my letter of May 29 last amongst other questions I asked you to ascertain for me the weight on one wheel of Municipal water-cart No. 55. In your valued reply thereto I note that you estimate the same as being about 750-lbs.

I shall be glad if arrangements can be made to have the cart weighed in my presence: I would therefore ask you to advise me when this can be done.

Yours faithfully,
CLARANCE H. BUTLER.

The SECRETARY,
Municipal Council.

Council Room,

Shanghai, August 1, 1908.

SIR,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of July 28, on the subject of the weight of water-carts and, in reply thereto, I am to state that the Council will assent to the proposal which you make if such a course is considered necessary or desirable by the arbitrator, to whom the question of the recent accident has been referred.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

C. H. BUTLER, Esq.

Shanghai, August 6, 1908.

SIR,—On the 28th ultimo I wrote to your Secretary requesting that permission be granted me for the weighing of Municipal water-cart No. 55. On the 1st instant I received a reply stating that "if such a course is considered necessary or desirable by the arbitrator to whom the question of the recent accident has been referred, the Council will assent to" my proposal.

In view of the fact that the whole of the evidence which I intend to bring is not yet complete and that it is necessary for me to have certain particulars in reference to the above-mentioned water-cart, I shall be glad to learn why your Council refuse to allow me to get such evidence.

This is the second refusal I have met with at the hands of your Secretary the first being an emphatic refusal given to my lawyers for any assistance whatsoever in the matter of the securing of necessary evidence. I cannot, therefore, but regard the whole attitude of your Council in the matter as somewhat strange *vis-à-vis* the stand taken up by your legal adviser that the evidence I have secured did not come through the Council.

I shall, accordingly, be much obliged if you will give me the assistance asked for or give some valid reason why the same should be withheld.

I am, Sir,
Yours faithfully,
CLARANCE H. BUTLER.

The CHAIRMAN,
Municipal Council.

Council Room,

Shanghai, August 7, 1908.

SIR,—In reply to your letter of August 6 as to the weight of water-cart No. 55, I am directed to state that the Council has nothing to add to its letter of August 1.

Your case is in the hands of Messrs. Ellis & Hays, and any further communications in re should be made through them to the Council's Legal Advisers, Messrs. Hanson, McNeill & Jones.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

C. H. BUTLER, Esq.

AGREEMENT OF ARBITRATION.

Memorandum of Agreement made at Shanghai in the Empire of China this day of July, one thousand nine hundred and eight between Ruth Butler the wife of Clarence H. Butler of Shanghai aforesaid of the one part and the Shanghai Municipal Council of the other part Whereas the said Ruth Butler has made a claim against the said Shanghai Municipal Council for damages by way of compensation for personal injuries suffered by the said Ruth Butler on the twenty-eighth day of May, One thousand nine hundred and eight and whereas the Shanghai Municipal Council have denied that they are liable to compensate the said Ruth Butler in respect of the aforesaid personal injuries and whereas the parties hereto are desirous of having the question of the liability of the Shanghai Municipal Council to make such compensation as aforesaid finally determined it is hereby mutually agreed as follows:—

1.—It is hereby referred to A. R. Vincent Esquire the Acting Assistant Judge of the Supreme Court of Shanghai aforesaid as sole Arbitrator to award and determine: Firstly, whether the said Shanghai Municipal Council are liable to compensate the said Ruth Butler for the personal injuries alleged to have been suffered by the said Ruth Butler on the twenty-eighth day of May One thousand nine hundred and eight as aforesaid; Secondly, the amount of the damages (if any) which the said Shanghai Municipal Council shall pay to the said Ruth Butler by way of compensation as aforesaid: Thirdly, by and to whom the costs of this reference shall be paid and the manner in which the same shall be taxed or to fix an amount to be paid in respect thereof by the party ordered to pay the same and all other matters in controversy arising out of the subject of this reference or in anywise incidental thereto.

2.—The said parties hereto will in all respects abide by observe and perform and obey the said award so to be made and published as aforesaid.

3.—In the event of the award of the said Arbitrator being in favour of the said Ruth Butler the said Ruth Butler shall be at liberty to enforce such award as though it was a judgment of the Court of Consuls and in the event of

the said award being in favour of the Shanghai Municipal Council the said Shanghai Municipal Council shall be at liberty to make such award a Rule of His Britannic Majesty's Supreme Court for China and Corea at Shanghai.

4.—All the provisions of the Arbitration Act 1889 except such as are inconsistent with the terms of this Agreement shall apply to this reference.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed these presents the day and year first above written.

RUTH BUTLER.

For the SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

W. E. LEYESON,
Secretary.

STATEMENT OF CLAIM.

1.—The plaintiff is a married woman and is a British subject and is residing with her husband at Shanghai in the Empire of China.

2.—The defendants are the Council for the Foreign Community of Shanghai aforesaid elected by the Ratepayers of Shanghai aforesaid in pursuance of powers vested in them by the Land Regulations for the Foreign Settlement of Shanghai aforesaid north of the Yangkingpang.

3.—On the 26th day of May, 1908 the plaintiff in the lawful use of the highway was proceeding in a ricsha in an easterly direction along the Bubbling Well Road when a pony attached to a water-cart belonging to the defendants violently collided with the plaintiff running over her and inflicting upon her serious personal injury.

4.—The said pony was in the charge of a servant of the defendants and the said servant was negligent in that the pony and water-cart were proceeding at an excessive and dangerous speed in a westerly direction along the said road and were on the wrong side of the road.

5.—Further the plaintiff says that the defendants or their servants were guilty of negligence in that the said pony was totally unfit to be used for the purpose for which it was used by the defendants, namely, the watering of the public highways in Shanghai.

6.—Further the plaintiff says that the said pony was of a dangerous and mischievous nature and that the defendants wrongfully kept and used the said pony well knowing the same to be dangerous and mischievous as aforesaid.

7.—By reason of the premises the plaintiff has suffered damage and has been put to great pain and suffering and has incurred loss and expense in respect of medicines and otherwise.

Particulars of Expenses.

Medicines and appliances.....	\$14.40
Carriage hire.....	5.00
Personal effects damaged.....	16.00
	<u>\$35.40</u>

The plaintiff claims damages.

ELLIS & HAYS.

R. W. G.

on behalf of the plaintiff.

Delivered the 16th day of July, 1908.

DEFENCE.

1.—The defendants admit paragraphs 1 and 2 of the statement of claim.

2.—With regard to the remaining paragraphs of the statement of claim the defendants admit that on May 28, 1908 (without fault of the plaintiff) a collision occurred on the Bubbling Well Road between a pony attached to a Municipal water-cart and a ricsha and that by reason of the said collision the plaintiff sustained injuries the nature and extent of which are unknown to the defendants. The defendants also admit that at the time of the said collision the pony was in charge of a servant of the defendants and was bolting westward but they deny that such servant drove negligently or was otherwise guilty of negligence as alleged in paragraph 4 of the statement of claim. The defendants further deny that they or their servants were guilty of negligence as alleged in paragraph 5 of the statement of claim and if the said pony was totally unfit for the purpose for which it was used by the defendants (which they do not admit) they deny that they were aware or ought to have been aware of such unfitness. And save as aforesaid the defendants do not admit any of the allegations of fact contained in the said remaining paragraphs.

3.—The defendants say that the said collision and damage were not caused by any of the matters complained of but arose from inevitable accident, namely, from the sudden bolting of the pony owing to the key of a hydrant being dropped on the pavement close beside it.

AWARD.

To all whom these presents shall come. I, Arthur Rose Vincent, Acting Assistant Judge of His Britannic Majesty's Supreme Court for China and Corea send greeting.

Whereas by a certain memorandum of agreement made at Shanghai in the Empire of China dated the day of July one thousand nine hundred and eight, made between Ruth Butler the wife of Clarence Howell Butler of Shanghai aforesaid of the one part, and the Shanghai Municipal Council of the other part, reciting that whereas the said Ruth Butler has made a claim against the Shanghai Municipal Council for damages by way of compensation for personal injuries suffered by the said Ruth Butler on the 28th day of May, 1908. And whereas the said Shanghai Municipal Council have denied that they are liable to compensate the said Ruth Butler in respect of the aforesaid personal injuries, it was agreed that the matters in difference namely: Firstly, whether the said Shanghai Municipal Council are liable to compensate the said Ruth Butler for the personal injuries alleged to have been suffered by the said Ruth Butler on the 28th day of May, 1908: Secondly, the amount of the damage (if any) which the said Shanghai Municipal Council shall pay to the said Ruth Butler by way of compensation as aforesaid; Thirdly, by and to whom

the costs of this reference shall be paid and the manner in which the same shall be taxed, or to fix an amount to be paid in respect thereof by the party ordered to pay the same and all other the matters in controversy arising out of this reference or in any wise incidental thereto, should be referred to the award and final determination of me Arthur Rose Vincent, Acting Assistant Judge of the Supreme Court of Shanghai aforesaid as sole arbitrator.

And whereas it was further agreed that the parties to the said memorandum of agreement will in all respects abide by and observe and perform and obey the said award so to be made and published as aforesaid.

And whereas it was further agreed that in the event of the award of the said arbitrator being in favour of the said Ruth Butler the said Ruth Butler shall be at liberty to enforce such award as though it was a judgment of the Court of Consuls and in the event of the said award being in favour of the said Shanghai Municipal Council the said Shanghai Municipal Council shall be at liberty to make such award a Rule of His Britannic Majesty's Supreme Court for China and Corea at Shanghai.

And whereas it was further agreed that all the provisions of the Arbitration Act 1889 except such as are inconsistent with the terms of this agreement shall apply to this reference.

Now know ye that I the said arbitrator having taken upon myself the burden of this reference, and having heard and duly considered all the allegations, pleadings and evidence of both the said parties touching the said matters in difference so referred to me, do make and publish this my award in writing of and concerning the same for the reasons and in manners following, that is to say: The said Mrs. Ruth Butler was proceeding in a ricsha in an easterly direction along the left-hand side of the Bubbling Well Road on May 28 last, when opposite Ewo Terrace, she saw a pony out of control and in a state of frenzy bearing down upon her at great speed: the pony was drawing a Municipal water-cart at the time, and was so close to the said Mrs. Ruth Butler when she first saw it, that there was no time for the ricsha to be pulled out of the way. Mrs. Ruth Butler in order to avoid the impending collision jumped out: she was then struck by the head or chest of the oncoming pony, knocked down, and one wheel of the water-cart passed over her body.

The plaintiff's pleas read as follows:

First, that the defendants or their servants were guilty of negligence in that the said pony was totally unfit to be used for the purposes for which it was used by the defendants, namely, the watering of the public highways in Shanghai.

Secondly, that the defendants wrongfully kept and used the said pony well knowing the same to be dangerous and mischievous as aforesaid.

The defendants deny negligence, unfitness of the pony for the purposes for which it was used together with any

knowledge of such unfitness if proved, and further plead that the matters complained of arose from inevitable accident, namely, from the sudden bolting of the pony owing to the key of a hydrant being dropped on the pavement close beside it.

Counsel for the defence has said. The first question to be decided is "Whether or not the pony is in fact a vicious pony?"

I accept this question and the word "vicious," an epithet applied to an animal given to bad tricks.

The pony in question was one of 140 ponies supplied under contract by the Horse Bazaar to the Shanghai Municipal Council for Municipal purposes, formerly he had been driven in a victoria, but owing to complaints as to his lack of pace, he was relieved from this work and was used as a hack: In December of last year he was broken in to draw the Municipal watering-carts and commenced regular work in this line in February of this year.

Dr. Keylock, the Manager of the Horse Bazaar, knows the pony well, and with such knowledge states definitely that in his opinion the pony is a docile and inoffensive animal, and one that could be employed with perfect safety in the same capacity as heretofore: up to the time of the accident Dr. Keylock had never heard anything against the pony: no more had Mr. Bethune, who is overseer over the Municipal watering-carts, and who sees the mafoos and ponies several times a day.

Dr. Keylock is an expert, and speaks from wide experience, his testimony as far as it goes carries great weight, but it appears from the evidence of his Chinese subordinates, that there were facts about the pony's past behaviour, which were never brought to Dr. Keylock's knowledge or to Mr. Bethune's, facts, which I think would have considerably changed Dr. Keylock's opinion, had he been thoroughly conversant with them.

The most important evidence in the case is that of the man Adoo who is No. 1 mafoo in the Horse Bazaar over the ponies employed by the Municipal Council.

From him we learn that when this pony first became a water-cart pony he was employed on and about the Bund, he was removed from there because he did not like the narrow streets, he jibbed and refused to go on on several occasions when working near the corner of the Canton Road: it finally was thought better to employ the pony on wider roads, and he was removed to the Bubbling Well Road district.

We learn further, that the pony from the very commencement up to the time of the accident on May 28, that is for a period of some three to four months, was always accompanied by an extra mafoo: Dr. Keylock states that extra mafoos are sent out when a pony is first used in a watering cart, and that the fact that an extra mafoo is sent out with a pony tends to show that the other mafoo has not yet acquired confidence in the pony; it is obvious there must be some reason and this appears to me a very logical reason.

We have now to see if from the evidence it appears why the mafoo had not confidence on this pony: the conduct of the pony on the Bund explains the fact until the pony came to the Bubbling Well Road, and the evidence of Adoo explains it while there. He says that the extra mafoo reported to him that every day the pony was frightened by a piece of black pavement in the vicinity of the hydrant from which the water-cart had to be filled, and situated a few yards from the scene of the subsequent accident: being frightened the pony persistently refused to go up to the hydrant: and with reference to this pavement Adoo says good ponies did not mind the pavement but *timid* ponies refused to go up to it: no doubt some ponies connected the place with the difference between a full cart and an empty one.

Adoo did not report the matter to his superiors, but instructed the mafoo to make the pony do the work every day so that the pony might eventually become accustomed to the black pavement, and it was while being driven up to the hydrant on the 28th day of May that the pony bolted, and injured Mrs. Ruth Butler.

Adoo is a witness produced by the defence and his statements are binding on them, moreover they are corroborated in many instances by the statements of other witnesses and by other facts.

From the evidence taken as a whole it is clear. First, that the pony is one that takes strong dislikes, now it is a narrow street, again it is a certain stone, and when in the neighbourhood of his particular aversion for the time being, he *habitually* became unruly, fractious and difficult to manage and behaved in a manner distinctly different to what would be expected from a good docile and placid animal of the same kind: that is to say he was not as other ordinary ponies, he acquired easily and in fact retained and was possessed of a bad habit or failing; he was therefore vicious.

During indulgence in his particular failing or vice the pony knocked down and injured one of the public on the public highway.

Secondly, the vice was known to the mafoo supplied by the Municipal Council who drove him and in whose charge he was during working hours; to the extra mafoo supplied by the Horse Bazaar because of the pony's bad habit; to the No. 1 mafoo of the Horse Bazaar over the ponies supplied to the Municipality; to one or two others perhaps, but not to Mr. Bethune, Municipal overseer of the water-carts, or to Dr. Keylock, Manager of the Horse Bazaar.

The question then is, Whether the knowledge of the Municipal mafoo must be regarded as the knowledge of the Municipal Council so as to render the latter liable for injury done?

I am clearly of opinion that this question must be answered in the affirmative.

If it were otherwise a premium would be put on the studied ignorance of those in authority, or of masters and of employers of labour generally, a result

never contemplated by English laws. I do not say for a moment that if for example a Municipal chimney-sweep had reason for knowing that a Municipal water-cart pony was a dangerous animal, that such knowledge would be considered the knowledge of the Municipal Council: but all the cases quoted in arguments before me, distinctly show, that where the care, control and charge of an animal, such as a dog or horse, is given over to one or more persons by the owner or employer, the special knowledge that any one of those persons may acquire of any vice or defects in the temperament of the animal, must be regarded as the knowledge of the owner or employer; and the latter cannot shield himself behind the failure of the employee to give him the information which it was his common duty to give. Such is in fact the law.

In this instance the Municipal mafoo was given charge of the pony during working hours, he drove it daily; he knew that the pony under certain circumstances was a vicious animal, and therefore unfit for the specific purpose for which it was used; he did not report the matter to any superior official of the Municipal Council, but he pursued a course calculated to give daily expression to the pony's particular vice, in order to break him of that vice it may be, or for some other reason: whatever the reason may have been, no reason has been given to me sufficient to justify the use of the pony in the manner proved.

No blame can be attached to those in authority or to the Municipal Council, for neither were aware of the pony's particular failing, but the knowledge of the mafoo, a servant, put in charge of the pony by the Council, must be regarded as the knowledge of the Council, and the latter is liable for the injury done; the plea of inevitable accident has not, in my opinion, been in any way substantiated or established.

I have said very little about the evidence of the Municipal mafoo himself or of the Municipal hydrant coolie, portions of their evidence when corroborated otherwise are worthy of credence and I have duly relied upon such portions: but otherwise their testimony must be regarded with suspicion, for the reason that they both testify to having been told by some intermeddling officious and unknown person that they were to get sums of money for giving evidence in this case; such statements whether regarded as true or false materially decrease the value of the remainder of their testimony.

As regards the measure of damages, it appears that Mrs. Ruth Butler was badly bruised and shaken: she was confined to her bed for fourteen days and practically so confined for a further period of fourteen days, during all this period the medical adviser was in daily attendance upon her, and continued to see her at intervals up to July 7, 1908 when she was still suffering from stiffness and soreness and was in a depressed and nervous state. She suffered much pain immediately after the accident and

thence on for a considerable time, also from loss of sleep and nutriment.

There is, however, no evidence of any more serious or permanent injury and though the shock was severe, the medical adviser sees no reason why the nervous system and physical well-being should not be as good as it was before.

No special damages are claimed and the particulars of expenses set out in the pleadings amount to the sum of \$38.40.

For the above reason I award and determine: Firstly, that the said Shanghai Municipal Council are liable to

compensate the said Ruth Butler for the personal injuries proved to have been suffered by the said Ruth Butler on the 28th day of May, 1908.

Secondly, that the said Shanghai Municipal Council shall pay the sum of Tls. 375 (Three hundred and seventy-five taels only) damages to the said Ruth Butler by way of compensation as aforesaid: And I further award and order that the said Shanghai Municipal Council shall pay to the said Ruth Butler her costs incident to this arbitration, and shall also pay to me

the costs of this my award, and I determine the said costs of the said Ruth Butler to amount to the sum of Tls. 150 (One hundred and fifty taels only) and the said costs of this my award to be the sum of Tls. 150 (One hundred and fifty taels.)

In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name this 4th day of September, 1908.

ARTHUR VINCENT.

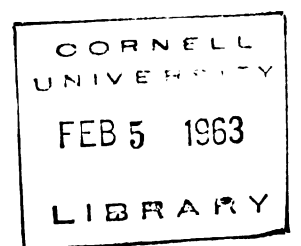
Signed by the said Arthur Rose Vincent in the presence of

G: W. KING.

Summary of General Municipal Rate, Native. June Quarter 1908.

	1908.		1907.		1906.	
	No. of Houses.	Rental Assessment.	No. of Houses.	Rental Assessment.	No. of Houses.	Rental Assessment.
Central District.....	12,322	\$ 4,243,667	12,245	\$ 4,138,112	12,613	\$ 3,754,320
Northern do.	15,340	2,056,786	15,026	1,967,024	14,600	1,795,968
Eastern do.	12,431	939,381	11,974	900,698	10,869	779,372
Western do.	9,870	971,085	8,809	818,874	8,458	755,376
Outside Settlement Limits	3,375	290,453	2,476	190,243	1,713	140,557
Total	53,338	8,501,372	50,530	8,014,951	48,253	7,225,593
Occupied by Natives.....	48,073	7,498,774	47,239	7,234,327	46,132	6,601,080
do. Foreigners	1,035	283,197	1,094	401,396	993	327,076
Unoccupied	4,230	719,401	2,197	379,228	1,128	297,437
Total	53,338	8,501,372	50,530	8,014,951	48,253	7,225,593
Tax Collected		\$		\$		\$
Central District @ 12%		120,197		100,409		90,551
Northern do. do.		56,433		46,362		43,029
Eastern do. do.		24,788		20,822		18,327
Western do. do.		24,570		18,621		17,659
Outside Settlement Limits @ 6%		3,512		2,105		945
Total		229,500		188,319		170,511

A. JOHNSFORD,
Overseer of Taxes.



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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1908.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, September 9, 1908, at 4.30 p.m., there are present :

Messrs. D. Landale (*Chairman*)
A. W. Burkill
W. D. Little
J. H. McMichael
O. Meuser
J. Prentice and
The Secretary.

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Police.

Foreign Branch.—The promotion of the following to be 2nd Class Constables is authorized with effect from September 4 :—

H. S. Bremner
T. P. Givens
G. Holt
A. G. Long
A. Mackintosh
T. McKenna
C. B. Putt
G. Sale
C. H. Taylor.

Japanese Sailors.—With reference to a Police report on the subject of the disturbance which took place on September 3, in which it is stated that the civilian sentenced to five days' imprisonment was found at large in the Woosung Road on the day succeeding his sentence, a letter has been addressed to the Japanese Consul-General in allusion to this apparent irregularity :—

Council Room,

Shanghai, September 8, 1908.

SIR,—I have the honour to allude to the case in your Consular Court on September 4, wherein K. Kawaguchi, amongst others, was accused of participation in a disreputable brawl which took place on the preceding night, for which he was subsequently sentenced to five days' imprisonment.

In the absence of any information as to what punishment, if any, was meted out to his associates, sailors from H. I. J. M. S. "Tsushima," I have refrained from any protest at what has been considered very light treatment for the offence of which this man was convicted. Assaulting the police and rescuing a prisoner from their custody is usually regarded as amongst the most serious offences, and as such should be treated in a manner calculated to act as a deterrent to the offender for the future as well as a warning to other riotous persons of similar proclivities.

In the case in point the short term of imprisonment which was inflicted was in itself scarcely calculated to have the above effect, but from facts within the Council's knowledge it appears that on September 6, that is to say within forty-eight hours of sentence, Kawaguchi

was observed at liberty in the Woosung Road. Questioned as to how he obtained his freedom he replied that he was sick and that \$5 had been paid to obtain his release on security : he added that he had left the Consulate on the morning of September 5, having been confined for one night only.

The Council is convinced that the incidents of this travesty of police court work cannot be within your knowledge, and I have the honour to request that, with the foregoing facts in your possession, you may take such steps as will secure adequate punishment for those connected with the brawl and a sufficient guarantee that it will not be repeated.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

DAVID LANDALE,

Chairman.

H. EITAKI, Esq.,

Consul-General for Japan.

Shanghai, September 9, 1908.

SIR,—In reply to your letter of 8th instant I have the honour to state that, when K. Kawaguchi in question, was sentenced at the Consular Court, he was found so sick that medical attendance was absolutely necessary, so he was released on bail.

But now his health is recovered and he is confined in the gaol for the term of imprisonment to which he was sentenced.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

H. EITAKI,

Consul-General for Japan.

DAVID LANDALE, Esq.,

Chairman, Municipal Council.

"Alhambra."

Referring to the minute published on May 21, and to the fact that public gambling on an extensive scale has been in operation at this house of entertainment throughout the summer, a second letter has been addressed to the Consular Body on the subject, suggesting alternative methods for the suppression of the public roulette tables, and intimating that, if no steps are taken in the matter, the question will be one for discussion at the next annual meeting of Ratepayers :—

Council Room,

Shanghai, May 14, 1908.

SIR.—I have the honour to inform the Consular Body that gambling in public on an extensive scale is reported in operation at the resort known as the "Alcazar" in the Siccawei Road, and that preparations are in train for the re-opening of the "Alhambra" for a like purpose on May 15.

The facts and other information on the subject within the Council's knowledge are contained in the enclosed memorandum, to which may be added the fact that the warrant issued by the Consul for Spain in October last for closing the "Alhambra" has recently been withdrawn.

The nationality of the individuals I have named is open to question and liable to transfer, thus the Council is and will hereafter be in doubt as to the tribunal to which it should address itself in case of disorder or disreputable proceedings.

Were these institutions within the limits of the Settlement they would be liable to license, and, under the conditions of such license, open to Police inspection. The Council holds the view that the necessity for this measure of supervision, exercised in the public interest, is not less by reason of their position on the Settlement's immediate outskirts.

In conclusion I have the honour to state that, as heretofore, the Council will co-operate in any repressive measures which may be considered suitable, and to request that the Consular Body will give the Council the benefit of its advice as to how the matter may best be treated.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

DAVID LANDALE,

Chairman.

D. SIFFERT, Esq.,

Consul-General for Belgium,
and Senior Consul.

Council Room,

Shanghai, September 3, 1908.

SIR,—I have the honour to allude to my letter of May 14, on the subject of the re-opening of the "Alhambra" for purposes of public gambling, and to state that the forecast of that date has justified itself; gambling on a large scale is of nightly occurrence, with the attendant evils usually associated with this class of vice.

The Council's object in again addressing the Consular Body in this matter, although its former communication has not yet been acknowledged, is that no opportunity may be lost either of suppressing public roulette tables or of making the Ratepayers acquainted with the nature of the obstacles which stand in the way.

There are three courses which suggest themselves as calculated to end a condition of affairs, which is contrary to the wishes of the right-thinking section of the community and which is exposing the good name of the Settlement to ridicule and contumely. They are as follows:

1.—That the Consul concerned, or, in the absence of registered information as to responsible authority, the Consular Body in its corporate capacity, should issue a warrant for the arrest of the manager and the confiscation by the Police of the gambling paraphernalia.

2.—That the Council be authorized to license houses or places of public entertainment, situated on roads which lead or are out of the Settlement and which have been constructed in accordance with Article VI of the Land Regulations, under Bye-law XXXIV: provision to be made for conditions of licence, security, fee and counter-signature by the Consul of the nationality to which the applicant belongs.

3.—That the Court of Consuls, in the public interest and with such restrictions as it may consider fit, undertake to hold the Council harmless for all reasonable action taken for the suppression of public gambling within the environs of the Settlement.

Any one of these methods would, in the Council's opinion, be effective: all of them are feasible: it therefore remains for the Consular Body to take such steps as may be deemed advisable.

In the alternative I have the honour to state that it will be incumbent on the Council to lay all the facts within its knowledge before the Ratepayers at their next Annual Meeting.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

DAVID LANDALE,

Chairman.

D. SIFFERT, Esq.,

Consul-General for Belgium,
and Senior Consul.

Shanghai, September 8, 1908.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated September 3, on the subject of the "Alhambra" and the gambling there.

The Consular Body direct me to state that although a written acknowledgment of your letter of May 14 has not been given, the matter referred to in both letters has had and still has their earnest consideration.

I remain, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

D. SIFFERT,

Consul-General for Belgium,

and Senior Consul,

D. LANDALE, Esq.,

Chairman, Municipal Council.

Road Extensions and Widenings

New Roads.—A report by the Engineer is submitted, containing recommendations with regard to a list of new roads, substantially the whole of the land for which has been purchased or otherwise acquired. The appropriation in the Budget for the construction of new roads is Tls. 60,000, of which Tls. 28,000 has already been expended: thus the whole of the work now suggested cannot be executed during the current year. It is decided, however, to proceed therewith uninterruptedly, care being taken that the

total estimate, after certain adjustments, is not exceeded. The roads to be dealt with are as follows:

(a) *Formation only, with the necessary culverts.*

Ferry Road from Sinza to Ichang Road.

Haiphong Road from Ferry to Gordon Road.

Tonquin Road from Robison to Ichang Road.

Singapore Road from Kiaochow to Ferry Road.

Penang Road west of Gordon Road.

Sinza Road from Hart to Kiaochow Road.

(b) *Formation and raising.*

Rangoon Road.

Baikal Road.

Chaoufoong Road north of Tongshan Road.

Dalny Road north of Yangtsepoo Road.

Hart Road from Sinza to Connaught Road.

North Thibet Road.—The Engineer recommends the metalling of a further section of this road as a matter of public necessity. It is noted that no contributions are forthcoming, and the Council directs that the metalling be continued from its present termination to the Tsepoo Road, at an estimated cost of Tls. 880.

Myburgh Road.—Letter from the Senior Consul is submitted, forwarding a statement by the Taotai on the subject of the strip of the cemetery of the Guild of Hot Water Shops required for road purposes. From the Engineer's report *in re* it appears that doubt exists as to the proper recipient of the compensation money in this case, and it is decided in reply, while furnishing the papers of title for record in the Native Land Office, to state that the sum of Tls. 2,220, the agreed amount, is held pending the determination of this point by the Native Authorities.

Tenders.

The time fixed for the receipt of tenders under Notification No. 1925, for the erection of Foreign Quarters and Store at the Police Western Depot, is authorized for extension to September 22.

The following are authorized for acceptance:—

1°. Barging 4,000 to 5,000 fong of mud from the mouth of the Soochow Creek to Ewo Road Jetty and elsewhere, Z. D. Liu, Tls. 0.165 per ton, i.e., Tls. 0.69 per fong.

2°. Overhauling and painting Steam Roller. The Shanghai Dock & Engineering Co., Ltd., Tls. 370.

3°. Erection of a Hospital for Chinese Police and others at the rear of the Victoria Nursing Home, Chun Sung-kee, Tls. 15,550, with extras amounting to Tls. 2,105 as follows:

Contractor's tender	Tls. 15,550
Drainage	175
Cement Work	730
Electric Light and Water	500
Felt, Locks and Fittings	700

Tls. 17,655

Other tenders received:—

Tai Kee	Tls. 18,680
Hong Kee	18,250
New Building & Construction Co.	17,748
Kung Tai	18,250
Joe Ming-kee	18,393
Chou Chu-sen	17,275
Sah Jin-kee...	16,600
Zee Zung-tai	16,048

4°. Supply of 2 tons of dynamite for the Pingchiao Quarry. £100, c.i.f. Shanghai, Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., with 3,000 electric fuses.

Tramways.

Season Tickets.—Letter from the Shanghai Electric Construction Co., Ltd. is submitted, on the subject of the delay in the issue of season tickets, and the Council's responsibility therefor. Therein it is stated that these tickets at \$8 per mensem are an essential portion of the new scheme of fares and sections, while it is noted that the Company is prepared to sell them at \$10 per mensem from October 1. This letter with reply as decided is ordered for publication together with a list of the existing and proposed sections:—

Shanghai, September 4, 1908.

DEAR SIR,—A statement in a letter signed "Impartial" in the day before yesterday's "North-China Daily News" suggests that the letter was based upon information obtained at your office.

I regret to note that the letter is rather seriously misleading, and it is important that any erroneous impressions which it may convey (notwithstanding the clear statements that have already appeared on the subject) should be corrected without delay.

(1) The reason has already been explained in the public press why 1st-class season tickets at \$8 per month could not very well be introduced alongside the present fares. I might again explain, however, that the fares' proposals form a complete scheme specially designed to cope with a somewhat difficult situation. The various parts of that scheme are interrelated and interdependent, and by far the most satisfactory working of the scheme would be obtained by its being introduced in whole and not in parts. The rates for 1st-class season tickets, which form a part of that scheme, are based upon the proposed new fares—not the present fares.

In view, however, of the very urgent requests that season tickets be issued, the Company is prepared to introduce them as from October 1 at \$10 per month, the \$8 rate to come into operation simultaneously with the proposed new fares and sections.

(2) The same letter states—

"The Company's proposal is to raise 2nd-class fares from two cents per section of one and a half miles to two cents per section of half a mile."

It should scarcely be necessary, at this stage, to point out how this statement misrepresents both present and proposed conditions.

(a) The lowest 2nd-class cash fare at present is three cents not two cents. (Two-cent 2nd-class coupons are issued—purchased almost exclusively by Europeans.)

(b) The present sections are from one to one and a half miles, not one and a half miles as suggested; the proposed sections are from half to three quarters of a mile not half a mile as suggested. (See Municipal Gazette, page 193.) There is, therefore, an overstatement of the present distance, and an understatement of the proposed distance, the total divergence from fact being considerable.

With the new sections it would be possible—

“Much more nearly than at present, to pay from the point you get on to the point you get off instead of, as at present, paying two fares if one gets on at one side of a section and travels to the other.”

This helps to explain why the decreases in fare under the new scheme so much outnumber the increases.

To quote further from page 193 of the Municipal Gazette:—

“Summarizing all these proposed fares’ modifications it is found that, out of a total of 164, 101 are reductions and only sixty-three are increases—showing that the ultimate maximum public convenience is consulted by the new scale.”

“To put it in another way, the present number of separate fares’ sections or combinations thereof is thirty-eight: the new scale provides for 148—a vast accession of fares’ facilities.”

(3) A further statement in the letter is as follows:

“Now we would rather see how your receipts come in during your first year before we agree that you shall raise your charges.”

Of the words I have underlined the first suggests a much longer delay than I was led to believe would be likely to take place, and the second seems to need some qualification in view of their being no less than 101 proposed reductions and only sixty-three increases as already stated.

As it is distinctly indicated in the letter of “Impartial” that its statements are based on information obtained at the Municipal Office (presumably your office) it is important that, if this is the case the necessary corrections should be made with your authority, or, if it is not the case, that the letter should be repudiated by you.

Thanking you in anticipation and awaiting the favour of your reply,

Yours faithfully,

D. McCOLL,

General Manager,

Shanghai Electric Construction Co., Ltd.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,

Secretary, Municipal Council.

Council Room,

Shanghai, September 14, 1908.

SIR,—In reply to your letter of September 4, I am directed to point out that the only statement attributed to the Council in the letter published in the “North-China Daily News” on the day preceding, was that the Council is not responsible for the delay in issuing season tickets. A previous letter had stated that this was the case, and in reply to several inquiries I had mentioned that the Council was willing that season tickets be inaugurated at once.

From your letter under reply it is observed that you are prepared to introduce these conveniences at the rate of \$10 per mensem, a price which, in view of the publication of your intention to charge \$8, will improbably be received by the public with satisfaction, and which will scarcely afford a correct test of the income-earning capabilities of seasons for 1st-class passengers.

Your letter intimates that the \$8 season tickets are an essential portion of your scheme for the reduction of fare-sections, but the reason for this inter-relation of the two questions is difficult to comprehend. Season tickets, available for the whole tramway route, can, in the Council’s opinion, have little or no bearing on the length of the sections fixed as a basis for fares for specified distances.

The difficulty which, from your own statements, at present presents itself, is that the 2nd-class portions of the cars are filled, while the 1st-class portions remain for the most part empty, and if your proposal to inaugurate \$8 season tickets will ameliorate this condition of affairs, the Council recommends their issue without delay, while the suggestion to charge \$10 until such time as the sections are reduced, stands out in the light of a retaliatory measure, ill-calculated to achieve the end which you have in view.

Turning to the general proposals contained in your memorandum recently published, I am directed to state that the Special Committee of the Council appointed in 1905 to consider the tenders for the construction and working of a tramway system in Shanghai, in recommending the tender of Messrs. Bruce, Peebles & Co., recorded the following minute:—

“In opening the proceedings the chairman states, and his observations have the unanimous concurrence of the meeting, that the Council should be guided in the selection rather by considerations of cheap traffic rates for the public, than by those of a high cash contribution to the public funds.”

“Thereafter ensues a careful comparison of the several tenders, at the conclusion of which the unanimous opinion of the meeting is recorded to the effect that Messrs. Bruce, Peebles & Co.’s tender embodies the most advantageous terms for the following reasons:—

“1.—The fares are lower, being respectively five and two cents, for 1st and 2nd-class, per section of one to one and a half miles.”

The fares contained in the Concession Agreement are as above stated, and, in deference to your representations as to loss in exchange, an extra charge of one cent has been sanctioned on the first section of a 2nd-class ride if paid in copper, but the Council is reluctant to assent to a scheme for doubling, and in some cases trebling, the charge to 2nd-class passengers for short distances, until it has been made clear that there is adequate reason for the change.

The financial results of the working of the tramway have as yet only been shown for one completed quarter, the system has been working for barely six months, and, from figures contained in your earlier memorandum of July 22, there is not lacking the opinion that the tramway may ere long be upon a profit-bearing basis. The full revenue of which the system is capable cannot be gauged with certainty until the best possible traffic organization is attained, and the Council is sceptical as to whether this can be the case after so short a period of operation. That improvements in this direction are in progress is known, and, with time, the best advantage to which the various lines can be run will doubtless be apparent.

I have re-capitulated the facts at some length, so that, by the publication of your letter and this reply, the public may be in a position to judge whether the delay in acceding to your request is justifiable or the reverse.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. E. LEVESON,

Secretary.

D. McCOLL, Esq.,

General Manager,

Shanghai Electric Construction Co., Ltd.

SECTIONS

Existing. Proposed.

Route I.

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|------------------|------------------|
| 1. Yangkingpang | 1. Yangkingpang |
| 2. Defence Creek | 2. Kiangse Road |
| 3. Carter Road | 3. Chekiang Road |
| 4. Bubbling Well | 4. Race Club |
| | 5. Carter Road |
| | 6. Ferry Road |
| | 7. Bubbling Well |

Route II.

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|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Yangkingpang | 1. Yangkingpang |
| 2. Astor House | 2. Nanking Road |
| 3. Muirhead Road | 3. Aster House |
| 4. Lay Road | 4. Hwakee Road |
| 5. Yangtsepoo Terminus | 5. Muirhead Road |
| | 6. Thorburn Road |
| | 7. Lay Road |
| | 8. Y.-Shing Cotton Mill |
| | 9. Yangtsepoo Terminus |

Route III.

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| 1. Rifle Range | 1. Rifle Range |
| 2. Range Road | 2. 126 N. Szechuen Rd. |
| 3. Astor House | 3. Range Road |
| 4. Defence Creek | 4. Tsungming Road |
| 5. Carter Road | 5. Astor House |
| | 6. Kiangse Road |
| | 7. Chekiang Road |
| | 8. Race Club |
| | 9. Carter Road |

Route IV.

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|----------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Railway Station | 1. Railway Station |
| 2. Nanking Road | 2. Fu Yün Tang Cemetery |
| 3. Bund (Canton Rd.) | 3. Nanking Road |
| | 4. Tsing Yo Ka |
| | 5. Bund |
| | 6. Nanking Road |

4. Astor House 7. Astor House
 8. Quinsan Road
 9. N. Szechuen Rd.
 5. Railway Station 10. Railway Station
 Route V.
1. Carter Road 1. Carter Road
 2. Park Road
 2. Nanking Road 3. Nanking Road
 4. Tsing Yo Ka
 3. Bund Terminus 5. Bund Terminus

Municipal Gazette

At the request of the "Shanghai Times," arrangements have been concluded with the publishers of the Municipal Gazette, the "North-China Daily News and Herald," Ltd., for the supply of a sufficient number of copies for distribution with the former paper.

The meeting adjourns at 6.30 p.m.

The following documents are ordered for publication:—

Health Department.

Notification of Infectious Disease.

The following have been reported during the week ending Sunday, September 13, 1908	Cases notified among Non-Chinese population of 14,500	Deaths among Chinese population of 530,000
Small-pox.	0	0
Cholera.	0	0
Typhoid Fever.	2	-
Diphtheria.	1	0
Scarlet Fever.	0	0
Tuberculosis.	1	18
Total Deaths from all Causes	2	202

ARTHUR STANLEY,
Health Officer.

Public Band.

The performances during next week will (weather permitting) be as follows:

Mon. Sept. 21.	9 p.m.	Public Garden
Tues. " 22.	9 p.m.	Hongkew Recreation Ground
Wed. " 23.	5 p.m.	Public Garden
Thurs. " 24.	9 p.m.	Public Garden
Fri. " 25.	5 p.m.	Hongkew Recreation Ground
Sat. " 26.	5.15 p.m.	Public Recreation Ground
	9.00 p.m.	Public Garden.

The charge for the services of the Band is Tls. 40, and of a Half-Band, consisting of not less than 3 European and 12 Manila musicians, Tls. 25, per hour or part of an hour.

The services of a smaller number of musicians may be engaged at the rate of Tls. 3 per hour for European, and Tls. 1.50 per hour for Manila musicians.

One rehearsal is permitted without fee, all subsequent rehearsals are charged for at half of the above rates.

For the services of a soloist an additional fee of Tls. 25 is charged, inclusive of such rehearsals as are necessary.

If special music is required special arrangements must be made.

Engagements for more than three performances during a season are subject to a reduction of 20 per cent, for more than twelve performances 40 per cent.

For Sunday performances, or services involving marching through the streets, double rates are charged.

24 hours' notice is required for the cancellation of any engagement.

The cost of conveyance of musicians for distances beyond a radius of 1 mile from the Municipal offices, Kiangse Road, must be defrayed by the persons engaging them.

Surplus Plant.

The following machinery, etc., being that used in the construction of the Garden and Chekiang Road Bridges is for sale. Further particulars and permission to view the plant may be obtained on application at the Public Works Office, Hankow Road.

1 8" Centrifugal pump (Invincible) with engine complete. Cyl. 7½" by 6" stroke.

1 7" Centrifugal pump (Gwynne) with engine complete. Cyl. 7" by 6" stroke.

1 6" Centrifugal pump (Gwynne) with engine complete. Cyl. 6" by 6" stroke.

1 6" Centrifugal pump (Gwynne) with horizontal engine complete. Cyl. 9" by 8" stroke.

1 Steam winch. Cyl. 4½" by 9" stroke. Single purchase. Light standard.

1 Steam winch. Cyl. 4½" by 9" stroke. Double purchase. Light standard.

1 Steam winch. Cyl. 5" by 10" stroke. Double purchase. Heavy standard.

1 Hoisting engine. Single cylinder with 5 ft. fly wheel. Cyl. 8" by 13" stroke.

1 20 cwt. "Lacour" steam pile hammer.

1 Cast iron rose box and foot valve complete for 8" pump.

2 Cast iron rose boxes and foot valves complete for 6" pump.

22 Feet 7" Cast iron pipe in 7'6" lengths.

32 Feet 6" Cast iron pipe in 7'6" and 2'6" lengths.

29 Feet 4½" Cast iron pipe in 7'0" and 6'0" lengths.

1 7" Cast iron short bend.

2 6" Cast iron short bends.

3 4" Cast iron short bends.

6 Brass valves. Sizes 1½", 1¼", ¾" and 2¼".

2 3" Hand pumps complete.

3 Snatch blocks 7" sheave.

3 Single sheave blocks 6" sheave.

3 Double sheave blocks 3" sheaves.

2 Treble sheave blocks 6" sheaves.

1 Turn buckle 1¼" screw.

17 Crow bars 1½" by 5'0".

23 Augers from ½" to 1½".

1 Adze.

1 Weighing Machine.

Health Officer's Report for August.

The Public Health has continued remarkably good throughout August. One case of typhoid fever and two of diphtheria were notified and there were no deaths recorded from infectious disease among the foreign resident community. Among the Chinese the number of deaths has also been comparatively small—838 during the month as against 1,844 during the same month last year, when cholera was prevalent. A considerable number of examinations have been made in the Municipal Laboratory of cases of supposed cholera, but in no case has the cholera bacillus been demonstrated. On the other hand all possible precautions have been taken after deaths from diarrhoea, especially those imported from outside Shanghai, and increased supervision has been exercised over the food supply. Fuglemen have been working in each

district reciting the main provisions of the Public Health Notice for Chinese in the teashops and alleyways, drawing interested crowds after the manner of the native story-tellers.

As the coming month is perhaps the most dangerous one for the Shanghai resident, it is especially necessary to carefully follow the provisions of the Public Health Notice, which may be obtained at the Health Office on application. The more important of these rules are made with the object of securing purity of food. Living in an alien country, the only sure way of securing purity of food is by means of sterilisation. Sterilisation means freeing from germs, especially disease germs. Sterilisation may be accomplished best of all by heating to boiling point as by cooking and boiling but also by filtering through a Berkefeld filter. The Berkefeld filter will, however, not sterilise water unless the filter candle be boiled at least once a week. Canned goods, including butter, are necessarily sterilised during the process of canning, otherwise they would not keep. Bottled beverages of good reputation are practically devoid of dangerous bacteria. Ice, being made from unfiltered water, is not sterile and should not, therefore, be put into drinks. Fresh fruit may be effectively sterilised, without in any way spoiling its flavour, by complete immersion for a few seconds in boiling water, any infection that may be present being on the surface, provided the fruit be sound.

If the simple rule of eating and drinking nothing that has not been recently boiled or cooked or otherwise sterilised be observed it would be practically impossible to contract any of those bowel troubles to which the Shanghai resident is especially prone.

Here follow tables of Vital Statistics. Infectious Disease and Outdoor Sanitary Work: work done in the Municipal Laboratory, Municipal Hospitals and Slaughterhouse; and lists of Laundries, Dairies and Dealers in Perishable Food-stuffs, etc., licensed for the protection of the Public Health.

ARTHUR STANLEY,
Health Officer.

Deaths.

	Foreign Resident.	Native Non-Resident.
Small-pox	0	0
Cholera	0	0
Typhoid Fever ..	0	—
Diphtheria	0	0
Scarlet Fever.....	0	0
Tuberculosis	0	94
From all causes .	10	838

Infectious Disease Notified Among Foreign Resident Population.

Small-pox	0
Cholera	0
Typhoid Fever	1
Diphtheria	2
Scarlet Fever.....	0
Tuberculosis	0

Municipal Laboratory.

Small-pox vaccine issued ...	139 tubes
Vaccinations	5
Diphtheria Antitoxin issued..	8 bottles
Cases undergoing anti-rabic treatment	4
Bacteriological examinations	63
Analysis.....	50

Report on Analysis of Water.

Sample received August 29, 1908.
Report sent out September 2, 1908.

Sample of Shanghai Waterworks Co.'s Water.
Physical Characters. — Yellowish green colour with moderate opacity. Slight alkaline reaction. Well aerated.

Solid Matter in Solution	11.2
a.—Volatile	5.2
b.—Fixed	6.0
Appearance on Ignition	Slight Charring
Total Hardness	8.0
a.—Temporary	4.5
b.—Permanent	3.5
Chlorine	1.6
Nitrogen as Nitrates	0.0913
Saline Ammonia	0.0026
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.0166
Poisonous Metals	Nil
Nitrites	Nil
Phosphates	Nil
Sulphates	Traces.

Bacteriological Examination. — Gelatine plates at 23°c. showed an average of 41 bacteria per c.c. of which 1 in 20 were liquefying.

Agar plates at 37°c yielded 14 microbe colonies per c.c.

Bacteria of the coli type were present in quantities of 0.3 c.c. and upwards

Report on Analysis.—A sample of water of good degree of chemical and bacterial purity.

Slaughter-House Returns.

	Slaughtered.	Rejected at Slaughter-house.	Passed for Slaughter from Cattle-sheds.	Passed for Export from Cattle-sheds.	Rejected at Cattle-sheds.
Oxen	1430	2	1430	2	0
Sheep	2265	2	2265	25	0
Calves	360	0	360	0	0
Pigs	158	4	0	0	0

Victoria Nursing Home.

Cases admitted	40
Discharged	37
Died	24
Remaining last day of month	4
Nursed outside the Home	0
Daily visits	3
Nursing pre-engagements	3

Isolation Hospital

Foreign. Native.

Cases Admitted—Small-pox	0	0
Cholera	0	0
Typhoid Fever	0	0
Diphtheria	0	0
Scarlet Fever	0	0
Other Diseases	6	53
Discharged	3	47
Died	2	9
Remaining last day of month	3	36

Sanitary Work.

Complaints of insanitary conditions received from the public	44
Insanitary conditions reported by Health Office	96
Written intimations issued for sanitary amendment	16
Second written intimations issued for sanitary amendment	4
Notices of intention to proceed served.	0
Samples taken for analysis	56
Pounds of unsound food destroyed	2964

Food prosecutions	42
House refuse prosecutions	93
Laundry and other prosecutions	10
Enquiries after notification of foreign cases of infectious disease	8
Enquiries after notification of Chinese cases of and deaths from infectious disease	323
Rooms disinfected after infectious disease	211
Articles of clothing, bedding, etc., disinfected by steam	1269
Rooms whitewashed	4711
Ventilation and lighting amended	22
Defective drainage amended	40
Insanitary latrines and urinals rendered healthy	26
Insanitary ditches, ponds and creeks rendered healthy	13
Night-soil pits and kongs abolished	21
Exposed confined corpses removed and buried	29
Smoke nuisances suppressed	4
Offensive trade processes amended	1
Insanitary wells abolished	5
Tons of ordure removed	6566
Tons of house refuse removed	9517
Other unhealthy conditions amended	17
Beggar boats removed	3
Street hawkers dealt with	95
Mosquito breeding places abolished	952

Licensed Laundries.

Laundry.	Situation.
EASTERN DISTRICT.	
Ah Chow	465-6 Dent Road
Ah Kung	467 do.
Old Ah Foo	469-71 do.
Jackson	472-3 do.
Big Sam	66-8 Dent Lane.
Jim	1858 Seward Road
Wo Yue	1859 do.
Yue Shing	1860 do.
Ching Kee	1861 do.
Mew Shing	1862 do.
Ah Ling	1863 do.
Big Sam	1192 Yuhang Road
Ah Kee	222 Tongshan Rd.
No. 1 Kashing	262-3 Harbin Road
No. 2	260-1 do.
No. 3	258-9 do.
No. 4	257-8 do.
No. 5	256 do.
No. 6	255 do.
No. 7	254 do.
No. 8	253 do.
No. 9	251-2 do.
No. 10	250-1 do.
No. 11	249 do.
No. 12	248 do.
No. 13	247 do.
No. 14	245-6 do.
No. 15	243-4 do.
No. 16	242 do.
No. 17	241 do.
No. 18	240 do.
No. 19	239 do.
Nos. 20-50	237-234 do.

NORTHERN DISTRICT.

Yak Shing	846 Woosung Road.
Miller	308 Miller Road.
Chin Kee	1113 Woosung Road
Wong Ah Sam	1381 Haining Road
Chapoo No. 1	402A Chapoo Road.
Chapoo No. 2	402B Chapoo Road.
N. Y. K.	N. Szechuen Rd. Ex.
Yah Tah Thug	Pd. 2818 Haining Rd.
	517-518 N. Szechuen Rd. Ex.
	709-723 do.

WESTERN DISTRICT.

Yung Shing Washing Co	314-309 C'king Rd.
Woo Kee Washing Co	259 Taku Road.
Doo Foo Washing Co	55 Yates Road.
Ziang Shing	24 Weihaiwei Rd.
Shanghai Steam Laundry Co.	451 "
Shz Sing Washing Co	194-105 "
Yung Sun Washing Co	210 "
"	210 "
"	210 "
"	210 "
"	210 "

Licensed Dairies.

Dairy.	Situation.
EASTERN DISTRICT.	
Riverside Farm	76 Yangtzeppoo Road
Shanghai Dairy	"
Inshalla Dairy Farm	71 Ward Road.
Sung Shing Dairy	Thorburn Road.
Yangtzeppoo Dairy	"
Farfield Dairy	19 Kwenming Road
Wayside Dairy	1543 Tongshan Road
Kong Zung	Harbin Road
Tuh Shing	East Kashing Road
NORTHERN DISTRICT.	
Home Farm	N. Szechuen Road
Paoshan Dairy	Paoshan
Hongkew Dairy	N. Szechuen Road
Yong Shu Fong	N. Honan Road.
Mo Hung Shing	N. Szechuen Road
Ching Kee	N. Honan Road
Hong Kee	N. Szechuen Road
Pau Chee	N. Honan Road
Shing Chee	N. Honan Road
Family Farm	Range Road
WESTERN DISTRICT.	
The Farm	Siccawei Road.
Crawford's Farm	"
St. George's Farm	Bubbling Well Road
Swiss Farm	"
Culty's Dairy	Route d'Ouener "
Tai Woo	French Creek
Lemke's (Private) Dairy	460 Ave. Paul Brunat.
Hung Fei's Dairy	Bubbling Well Road
Yuen Sung	"
Zee Butler	601 Burkill Road.
Gordon Rd. Dairy Co.	1128 Gordon Road.
Yui Chong	756 Avenue Road.
Fok Kyi	1401 "
Hop Shing	1 Yu Yuen Road
Nee Shing	Markham Road.
Yok Kyi	Medhurst Road.

Licensed Butchers, Poultry, Game and Vegetable Dealers.

Butchers.	Situation.
NORTHERN DISTRICT.	
W. Futterer	1106 Broadway
Fritz Paschoe	7 "
R. Neumann	Astor Road
Wong Sie Shang	72 Tiendong Road
Kyung Yue Shing	671 " "
Tsiang Ka Va	672 " "
Lo Jung	957 Woosung Road
Sieu Kam Cheong	5 and 6 Market Road
Wong Yeek Sang	17 "
Vee Ching Kee	1457 Woosung Road
An Sing	1578 " "
CENTRAL DISTRICT.	
Hop Foong	17 Maloo Market.
Hong Kee	19 " "
Yeh Tai	27 " "
Tsin Tai	28 " "
Yung Tai Foh	29 " "
Hopkins	1 Ningpo Road
Vegetable and Game.	
Tsau Sung Ling	677 Tiesudong Road.
Yue Ming Kwai	1451 Woosung Road.
Vee Fah Kee	122 Market Road.
Sau Z. Young	32 & 33 Miller Road.
CENTRAL DISTRICT.	
Tsau Sung Ling	12 Maloo Market.
Lin Yun Kung	14 " "
Tsu Chee Ling	15 " "
Vie Ah Sun	16 " "
Loh Ah Sai	18 " "
Nui Ah Char	26 " "
Zung Tsau Ming	30 " "
Bah Yung Ling	31 " "
Zune Teh Ling	32 " "
Chu Wai Chu	33 " "

Electrical Engineer's Report for June and July.

Generation.—The whole of the generation plant has been maintained in good repair and is working well.

Draught gauges have been fitted to all the six Babcock and Wilcox boilers by means of which the draught in each boiler flue may be readily seen. Dial type thermometers have likewise been

fitted to the two boilers which have self-contained superheaters. These are a great improvement over the original glass tube thermometers which were located on the top of the boilers. With this new type the temperature of the superheated steam is easily read from the boiler-house floor level.

The coal and ash handling plant has been working since June. Excepting a few minor troubles incident to a plant of this description the conveyor has been operating very successfully. The coal is now untouched by hand after being dumped from the coal barges into the coal hopper at the end of the boiler-house. About 500 tons can be stored in the overhead coal bunkers. To feed the furnaces with coal the firemen have merely to open and close a coal valve—one for each boiler—and the coal falls by gravity into the boiler hoppers and thence to the furnaces. No shovelling of coal is now done and the floor space in the boiler-house is entirely free from coal and ashes, the latter being conveyed from the ash pits direct to a 20-ton ash bunker by means of the conveyor plant. From this hopper it is shot into carts in the outside yard. The boiler-house native complement has been reduced by seven men since the inauguration of this coal and ash handling plant. It may be interesting to note that the number of men now employed in the boiler-house where steam is generated for some 2,500 horse-power is seven less than formerly used in the old station for the generation of less than 1,000 horse-power.

The new surface condenser built and supplied by Messrs. W. H. Allen, Sons & Co., of Bedford, England, has been laid down and put into regular service. This condenser replaces a jet condenser, by Wheeler & Co., of New York, which was unsatisfactory.

Distribution.—The mains department has been continuously busy during June and July. In the latter month 1.82 mile. of insulated cable for a high-tension feeder was erected to serve the outlying parts of the Western district.

3.3 miles of low-tension mains were erected in June and 3.27 in July.

Below are the details:

High-tension Feeder.—High-tension feeder extended from Gordon Road in the Cornought and Kiaochoh Roads 3,200 yards of .022 vulcanised cable.

Low-tension Distributors.—Low-tension Distributors were extended in June as under:

Hart Road	190 yds. .034 bare cab.
Fokien Road	220 " .060 "
do.	125 " .034 "
Hoopeh Road	240 " .060 "
Jessfield Road	355 " .076 "
Siccawei Road	1215 " .060 "
do.	750 " .034 "
Nr. Szechuen Rd. Ex	420 " .034 "
North Honan Road	168 " .022 "
Taku Road	480 " .034 "
Distributors enlarged:	
Pekin Road	140 yds. .159 bare cab.
do.	140 " .124 "
do.	70 " .094 "
Foochow Road	810 " .159 "

In July the extensions were:—

North Szechow Road	264 yds. .034 bare cab.
Hoopeh Road	400 " .022 "
Honan Road	104 " .034 "
Hart Road	313 " .060 "
Siccawei Road	950 " .022 "
do.	905 " .060 "
do.	962 " .034 "
Markham Road	140 " .0-0 "
Route Ferguson	330 " .060 "
Seymour Road	235 " .060 "
do.	480 " .034 "
do.	150 " .094 "
Great Western Road	340 " .034 "

Distributors enlarged:—

North Szechuen Road 297 yds. .094 bare cab.
Sub-Stations.—The transformer capacity of the following sub-stations was increased:—

Ewo, 50 to 60 Kilowatts and changed to 3 wire distribution.

Bubbling Well Police, 20 K. W. to 40 K. W. and changed to 3 wire distribution.

West Hongkew, 12 K. W. to 24 K. W.

Wei-Hai-Wei, 40 " to 60 "

Hon kew Park sub-station has been equipped with the Berry patent series Automatic Control Gear. The capacity of the sub-station is 100 K. W. with a 10 K. W. auxiliary transformer for supplying the load during the hours of small demand. This is the first equipped of a number of sub-stations which are now being similarly fitted.

In Kiaochoh Road a 20 K. W. oil cooled pole transformer was put up.

Public Lighting.—Four additional public street arc lamps were erected during June.

The arc lamp transformers and switchgear formerly installed in the Ewo and Town Hall sub-stations have been removed and placed in the new high-tension switch-room at the Electricity Works. 9.162 yards of .020 bare wire was erected to connect the arc lamps circuits with the station transformers. There are now over 175 public arc lamps controlled directly from the Electricity Works.

An order for the erection of 23 additional street arc lamps has just been received from the Public Works Department. It is expected that these will be in operation during the first week in October.

The constant current series equipment for operating 100 "Tungsten" metallic filament 60-candle power incandescent lamps is due to arrive from the General Electric Co., of New York, within a few weeks. The whole of the existing lamps in Avenue Road and also those in Haining Road will be replaced by this new type. The lamps will be suspended from ornamental iron brackets upon which special reflectors are fixed for the better diffusion of the light.

House Service.—Sixty-three new house services were connected to the main in June and ninety-seven in July. Both these figures constitute a record.

Equivalent S. c. p. lamps.—1,888 equivalent 8-candle power lamps were added in June and 4,493 in July. These figures bring the total equivalent connected to 160,201. In July 1907 the total was 120,786. The net gain in twelve months is 39,415. These figures are exclusive of street lighting.

Motors.—A substantial increase in motor connexion has been made. In June 23 horse-power and in July 65.25 horse-power were added. The total horse-power now connected to the mains is 494.95. This is an increase of 188 horse-power since July last year.

Coal.—The coal consumption per unit for both June and July shows a further reduction. Per unit generated and sold in June it was respectively 5.11-lb. and 5.65-lb.; in July the figures were 5.07-lb. and 5.93-lb. In the same months last year the relative figures were 9.11-lb. and 12.68; and 8.85-lb. and 12.08-lb. The good results obtained in June and July this year might have been somewhat better had it not been that a small percentage of inferior coal, the balance of the contract with the Chinese Engineering & Mining Co., was being worked off.

Oil.—The oil consumption was 259 and 254 gallons respectively during the two months.

Water.—The water consumed in June was 247,000 gallons less than in June last year; in July the consumption was 775,500 gallons less.

Units Generated.—In June the units generated were 425,805 and in July 466,310 as compared with 248,418 and 277,549 for the corresponding periods last year.

Units Sold.—For the same periods as above the units sold and accounted for were 385,254 and 398,570 as against 178,406 and 203,112.

Ratio.—The ratio between units generated and sold was 90.47 per cent for June and 85.47 per cent for July. Last year the ratios were 71.81 per cent and 73.18 per cent.

	COMPARATIVE TABLE				
	June 1908	June 1907	July 1908	July 1907	July 1907
Total Lamps connected	155,708	118,971	160,201	120,786	120,786
Total Horse Power in Motors	429.7	301.45	404.95	336.95	336.95
Units Generated	425,805	248,418	466,310	277,549	277,549
Units Sold and Accounted for	385,254	178,406	398,570	203,112	203,112
Private Lighting	155,446	128,208	176,873	150,968	150,968
Public Lighting	28,348	31,617	36,531	32,751	32,751
Power consumed	15,287	16,617	13,917	13,835	13,835
Traction	166,387	166,17	161,493	161,493	161,493
Used at Works, etc.	19,186	4,964	15,756	5,548	5,548
Ratio	90.47	71.81	85.47	72.18	72.18
Coal per unit generated in lbs.	5.11	9.11	5.07	8.85	8.85
Coal per unit sold in lbs.	5.65	12.68	5.93	12.08	12.08
Revenue	35,585	22,634	37,842	26,079	26,079
Expenses	27,491	22,173	30,461	24,957	24,957
Profit	8,094	461	7,381	1,122	1,122
Total profit to date	36,948	15,451	44,329	16,573	16,573

General.—In July the prices per unit charged to the Tramway Company came under the 4.6 candareen rate, over 600,000 units having been consumed. Rather less energy is now

taken for traction purposes due probably to the more efficient working of the system.

Work is in progress on the new superheater, and the erection of the Willans & Robinson 800 K.W. turbo-alternator is being proceeded with.

The operation of the two sets of Berry series transformer gear installed in two sub-stations is so far satisfactory. Judging by results in these sub-stations it is reasonable to expect that a very large saving of energy will be effected when the majority of the larger sub-stations are likewise equipped.

Financial.—The finances of the undertaking continued to improve. The profit to end of July was Tls. 44,329 as against Tls. 16,573 in July last year.

Since the supply to the tramways was commenced in February the department has received from the Company Tls. 36,238 for electric energy supplied.

T. H. U. ALDRIDGE,
Electrical Engineer.

Departmental Report of the Superintendent of Parks and Open Spaces to the Municipal Engineer for July.

The climatic conditions were generally conducive to the enjoyment of the Parks and Gardens and the numbers who have frequented them during this and the preceding month indicate the boon public open spaces are to a great majority of the public, and the desirability of giving ample facilities for the unrestricted enjoyment of as great a variety of open-air amusements and recreation as possible. No clearer indication of the popularity of the public band and of the appreciation of open-air entertainments can be given than that indicated by the attendance at the Band concerts in Hongkew Recreation Ground. The work generally throughout the month consisted of the routine of maintenance; special attention was given to the fastenings and supports of shade trees on the roads, so that they would be able to resist, to a certain extent, the force of the prevalent gales.

Public Gardens.—Two long fixed seats were erected under a wistaria arbour, and two circular ones were placed around the base of plane trees.

The contents of the greenhouses give a bright display, contributed chiefly by variegated leaves of caladiums and crotons.

Hongkew Recreation Ground.—In spite of unsuitable weather the Band concerts here were well attended. The first one was attended by 1,598 and the first afternoon performance by 1,305. Addition seating accommodation for 670 people was provided by conveying some of the seats and chairs from the Public Gardens. Light was provided by Chinese lanterns

and kerosine oil lamps. Circular seats giving seating accommodation for thirty people were made and placed in the rose bower. There is now seating accommodation for 209 people. A rustic bridge has been placed across the creek near the first lake. Raising the section between the Swimming Bath and the main entrance is in progress, and the northern section, owing to consolidation whereby it has sunk on an average six inches, is being raised again to the fixed level. Swings for children placed in a shade-house are greatly appreciated, and constantly in use. The ground was visited during the month by 11,109. Daily average of tennis courts played on, five. Daily average of cricket pitches played upon, one. Croquet has been played a few times.

Nurseries.—Sixty packets of seeds of spring flowering plants have been sown, and the training and staking of young trees has been attended to.

The following lawns have been regularly mown and rolled:—

Hongkew Park, Brennan Piece, Public Recreation Ground, Soochow Road and Bund Foreshores, Cathedral Compound, Western Police Depot, Victoria Nursing Home, Municipal Hospital, Hart Road, Rifle Range, Chinese Public School, Sinza, Louza, Bubbling Well, Wayside and Harbin Road Police Stations.

787 trees on roads have been fastened. Dead trees removed on roads, 106.

Flowering plants planted during the month:—

Public Gardens	281
Chinese Public Garden	141
Municipal Hospital	240
Hongkew Recreation Ground	720
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	1,382

D. MACGREGOR,
Superintendent.

Engineer's Report for August.

Works in Progress.—Boundary wall and towers at Gael. New Cells, Sinza Police Station. New quarters for foreigners, Hongkew Police Station. New Indians' quarters, West Hongkew Police Station. Children's Latrine, Hongkew Park. Alterations to old S.V.C. Gun Shed to house native Police. Motor-car shed in Municipal Compound. Constructing reinforced concrete culvert along Jessfield west of the village. Laying 4-ft. 6-in. diam. concrete tubes to form culvert to creek across Markham Road. Laying 3-ft. diam. concrete tubes to form culvert to creek across Markham Road. Laying 1-ft. 6-in. by 1-ft. concrete sewer, bricking and metalling along Myburgh Road from Burkill Road to Avenue Road. Laying 12-in. cross-culvert to creek and raising Manila Road. Converting existing shed at Sinza Depot into Steam Roller Shed. Concrete bunding at north-east side of Chekiang Road Bridge. Laying 3-ft. by 2-ft. sewer along North Honan Road. Laying 2-ft. 3-in. by 1-ft. 6-in. sewer along North Chekiang Road. Bricking and metalling

Tongshan Road from Dent Road to Singkeipang Road. Making up Cunningham Road south of Boundary Road. Making up Alcock Road between Kwenming Road and Ward Road. Making up North Thibet Road north of Kaifeng Road. Making up Dixwell Road north of East Yalu Road. Repairs to bunding at "Point." Repairs to North Shanse Road Bridge. Fogg's Pontoon, Yangtsepoo Road Bridge.

Works Finally Completed.—Constructing reinforced concrete culvert along Jessfield Road over the Loupoo Creek. Laying 3-ft. diam. culvert across Jessfield Road close to Edna Villas. Laying 3-ft. diam. cross-culverts and raising Seymour Road from Bubbling Well Road to Avenue Road. New tar-paved footpath along Sinza Road from Carter Road to Hart Road. Laying 9-in. sewer along Koo-ka-loong from Peking Road to Ningpo Road. Laying 9-in. sewer along Woo Foo Loong from Bun Tong Loong to Tientsin Road. Concrete footpath and kerb, bricking and metalling along Peking Road north side from the Bund to Jiakee Road. Repairs to Chapoo Road Bridge, Robison Road Bridge, Rubicon Road Bridge and Yangkingpang bunding. Hardwood bunding and jetty along Dixwell Road north of East Yalu Road. Overseer's office for Eastern District. Turbine foundations at Electricity Works. Extension of North Szechuen Road. Mud filling to Kwenming Road. Bricking and metalling Kwenming Road.

Garden Bridge and Chekiang Road Bridge.—Levels have been carefully taken on the pier and abutments of both bridges at regular intervals during the past ten months. It is extremely satisfactory to be able to record that no perceptible settlement has taken place.

Plans submitted to Council and approved.—Western Police Depot. Native Hospital working drawings. Sketch plans, Sinza Fire Station.

Cleansing.—Sixty-two cartloads of garbage, 2,375 cartloads of gully deposit, and 2,975 cartloads of road detritus were collected during the month.

Quarry.—3,203 tons of road materials have been received during the month from the Quarry, and 450 tons and 324 tons were dispatched from the Quarry for account of the French Municipal Council during July and August respectively. The new stone-breaking plant was tried successfully on August 22, but will not be worked to its full capacity until the platform to the large breaker is completed.

Concreteware.—The following concreteware has been made at the Hongkew Depot during the month:—

Machine made
Hand made 1910 pieces

Creeks and River.—3,042 tons of mud have been removed from the Defence Creek during the month.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 1908.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, September 16, 1908, at 4.30 p.m., there are present :

Messrs. D. Landale (*Chairman*)

A. W. Burkill

W. D. Little

R. S. F. McBain

J. H. McMichael

O. Meuser

J. Prentice

The Secretary and
Assistant Secretary.

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Police.

The promotion of M. Gibson to be 1st class Sergeant from September 8, and of R. W. Thomas from September 17 is authorized; and that of C. Rea to be 2nd class Sergeant from September 11.

The engagement of the following as Probationary Constables is authorized:—

H. Richardson

W. D. Rogers.

Convict Labour.—Arrangements have been concluded with H. M. Office of Works for the construction of a boundary wall at the Consular Gaol by native convict labour, in accordance with plan and specification, for the sum of Tls. 6,571.

"Alhambra."

The following correspondence is ordered for publication:—

Spanish Consulate,

Shanghai, September 11, 1908.

SIR,—I am informed that yesterday the Shanghai Municipal Police without having first obtained the countersignature of this Consulate, had executed

two warrants in the premises of the Alhambra Gardens situated in Siccawei Road outside the limits of the International Settlements.

In bringing the above to your notice I have the honour to refer you to the Senior Consul's letter of October 27, 1904 which reads: "2.—No one has a right, within the Settlements or without, to enter the dwelling of any one without a proper warrant from the authorities of the nationality concerned. To quote this requires no argument. Any action otherwise is the action of a housebreaker and justifies resistance by force." I have, therefore, the honour to demand that a suitable apology be made to this Consulate for the unwarrantable action of the Shanghai Municipal Police and further to request that the responsible officer be punished.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

M. DE LOS RIOS,

Chancellor-in-charge.

D. LANDALE, Esq.,

Chairman, Municipal Council.

Council Room,

Shanghai, September 14, 1908.

SIR,—I am in receipt of your letter of September 11, relating to the recent arrest by the Police of certain American citizens at the 'Alhambra.'

In reply thereto, I take leave to refer to the Spanish Consul's letter of October 25, 1907, in which, while expressing determination to stop gambling at the 'Alhambra,' Mr. Seco informed the Council that he had signed the necessary warrant for execution by the Police. When on May 1 of this year, in a letter to the Captain-Superintendent stating that the warrant had been cancelled, the Consul thanked Colonel Bruce for the assistance he had given, the inference was obvious that the jurisdiction exercised by the Spanish Consulate over the premises in question had ceased. From your letter

under reply it now appears that the 'Alhambra' is again under Spanish protection, and, while expressing regret that in ignorance of this condition of affairs the warrant of the American Consul-General was executed without your countersignature, I am directed to request that you may be good enough to inform me who the responsible proprietor of the institution is, or otherwise upon what basis your authority rests.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. E. LEVESON,

Secretary.

THE CHANCELLOR-IN-CHARGE,
Spanish Consulate.

American Consulate,

Shanghai, September 12, 1908.

SIR,—I am in receipt of a letter from the Chancellor-in-Charge of the Consulate for Spain enclosing copy of a letter he has addressed to you with reference to the execution of two warrants by the Shanghai Municipal Police, issued by me for the arrest of L. Ladow and W. N. Hanna, American citizens. He asserts that the officers entered the premises of the Alhambra Gardens without first having the warrant countersigned by him, and quotes a letter from the Senior Consul, dated October 27, 1904, to support his contention. Will you kindly inform me if, since that date, the phrase "enter the dwelling of any one" has been construed to cover places of public amusement or entertainment, or whether it has been the practice for the police to enter such places without countersignature of warrants by the Consul of the proprietor.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. RODERICK DORSEY,

Vice-Consul-General-in-Charge.

D. LANDALE, Esq.,

Chairman, Municipal Council.

Council Room,

Shanghai, September 14, 1908.

SIR,—In reply to your letter of September 12, I am directed to inform you that so far as licensed houses of entertainment are concerned, the Police right of entry is contained in the conditions governing the licence. In the case of unlicensed premises such as the "Alhambra," it is usual to obtain the counter-signature of the Consul concerned before executing warrants therein.

Until receipt of the letter from the Chancellor-in-charge of the Spanish Consulate to which you refer the Council had no knowledge of the Consular authority at present exercised over these premises.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. E. LEVESON,

Secretary.

W. RODERICK DORSEY, Esq.,

American Vice-Consul-General-
in-charge.**Importation of Arms.**

The Senior Consul forwards a communication from the Taotai, notifying special regulations issued by the Chinese Government and approved by the Diplomatic Body, as to the importation of arms and ammunition by Police Forces and Volunteer Corps. Therewith, for record, the original regulations to which the correspondence refers, are ordered for publication:—

Shanghai, September 8, 1908.

SIR,—I have the honour to forward herewith for your consideration, a copy and a rough translation of a letter received from the Taotai of this post concerning the importation of arms and ammunitions used by the Police forces and by the Volunteers in foreign Settlements in China.

The contents of the said letter completes the Regulations of Customs Notification No. 681, which with the instructions contained in the above letter, have been approved by the Diplomatic Body.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

D. SIFFERT,

*Consul-General for Belgium,
and Senior Consul.*

D. LANDALE, Esq.,

Chairman, Municipal Council.

CUSTOMS NOTIFICATION No. 681.**IMPORTATION OF ARMS AND AMMUNITION.****REVISED RULES.***(Translation.)*

In accordance with the instructions of the Shui-wu Ch'u, received through the Inspector-General, the Rules governing the importation of Arms and Ammunition notified in Customs Notification No. 670 of October 9, 1907 will be abrogated after June 30, and the Revised Rules given below will come into force on July 1, 1908.

1°. Military Arms and Ammunition.

Before arms and ammunition are imported by any department of the Chinese Government, the particulars (denomination, number of packages, port of entry, destination, etc.) must be telegraphed to the Ministry of War (La-chün Pu) by the Tartar General, Viceroy or Governor concerned, who may issue the necessary *Huchao* only after receipt of the Ministry's telegraphic approval. These particulars will be sent on to the Shui-wu Ch'u by the Ministry for transmission to the Superintendents and—through the Inspector-General—to the Commissioners of Customs concerned. Permission to land such cargo will then be given, provided that the number of packages is found to be in agreement with the *Huchao*. The date of actual importation is to be reported in every instance to the Shui-wu Ch'u, for transmission to the Ministry of War.

2°. Samples of Military Arms and Ammunition.

Foreign merchants desiring to import samples of arms and ammunition for exhibition to Chinese Government departments must obtain from the Superintendent of Customs, through their Consuls, a Permit to Import (准運護照), upon presentation of which at the Custom House, together with the Application, permission to release will be given.

On each occasion not more than four rifles of any one kind and ammunition for same not exceeding two thousand rounds in all may be imported.

The merchant concerned is to give a bond to the Customs guaranteeing that the samples in question will not be sold to any person whatever. Such samples of arms, etc., must be produced for Customs inspection whenever demanded.

In the event of suspicious circumstances the Superintendent of Customs can refuse to issue a Permit, informing the Consul in writing of his decision.

3°. Arms and Ammunition for Self-defence.

(a.) Every respectable foreigner entering China from abroad, by sea or land, may carry in his luggage for self-defence one pistol and one revolver and a supply of cartridges for the same not exceeding five hundred rounds in all, but must declare them at time of entry to the Customs, who will release them after examination. Any contravention of this provision entails confiscation of the arms, etc., not declared.

(b.) Every respectable foreign resident in China desiring to import arms and ammunition for self-defence must, previous to their importation, obtain from the Superintendent of Customs, through his Consul, a Permit to Import (准運護照), upon presentation of which at the Custom House, together with the application, permission to release will be given. Each person is allowed to import for self-defence, once only during any one year, one pistol, one revolver, and a supply of cartridges for same not exceeding five hundred rounds in all.

In the event of suspicious circumstances the Superintendent of Customs may refuse to issue a Permit, informing the Consul in writing of his decision.

(c.) Foreigners, duly provided with passports, proceeding as travellers to the interior of China, or to Tibet, Mongolia, Turkestan, etc., will be allowed to carry with them, declaration having been duly made, arms and ammunition for self-defence not exceeding twice the quantities fixed above.

(d.) No other arms may be imported by foreigners for self-defence under the above provisions except pistols and shot-barrelled revolvers carried on the person.

The importation of any other kind of military and naval arms and ammunition is only permitted (i) if they are for use as samples and covered by a Permit to Import issued by the Superintendent of Customs, (ii) if they are imported on behalf of Chinese Government departments, military, naval, or civil, and covered by a genuine certificate which has been duly recognized by the Superintendent of Customs.

Foreigners must not fraudulently import military arms and ammunition under pretext of their being for personal use.

4°. Sporting Arms and Ammunition.

(a.) Every respectable foreigner entering China from abroad, by sea or land, may carry in his luggage not more

than three sporting guns and a supply of cartridges for same not exceeding three thousand rounds in all, but must declare them at time of entry to the Customs, who will release them after examination and payment of duty. Any contravention of this provision entails confiscation of the guns, etc., not so declared. In the event of old guns being thus imported with fresh ammunition, both may be passed free of duty.

(b.) Every respectable foreign resident in China desiring to import sporting guns or cartridges must, previous to their importation, obtain from the Superintendent of Customs, through his Consul, a Permit to Import (准運護照), upon presentation of which at the Custom House, together with the application, permission to release will be given.

Each foreign resident is only allowed to import, once in any one year, a number of sporting guns not exceeding three and a supply of cartridges for same not exceeding three thousand rounds in all. In the event of suspicious circumstances the Superintendent of Customs can refuse to issue a Permit, informing the Consul of his decision in writing.

(c.) Respectable foreign firms are permitted to import sporting shot-guns and ammunition only, for which they must likewise obtain a Permit to Import from the Superintendent of Customs through their Consuls. At the time of importation they must also hand a bond to the Custom House guaranteeing that such articles will not be sold, directly or indirectly, to law-breakers of any kind. The number of sporting guns which may be thus imported by any one firm at one time is not to exceed six if ordered by specified persons, whose names and addresses have to be reported to the Custom House on the Import Application, but may not exceed four if not so ordered and if bought for stock. Registers are to be kept by the firm, in which are to be entered in detail the number of sporting guns and ammunition thus imported, the names and addresses of the purchasers, and the dates of delivery. These registers will be open for Customs inspection when called for.

The total number of all kinds of sporting cartridges combined imported by a foreign firm in one consignment must not exceed ten thousand rounds.

(d.) The expression "sporting guns and cartridges imported by foreigners" refers exclusively to sporting shot-guns

and ammunition for same. Military arms and ammunition must not be fraudulently imported under any pretext.

6°. Prohibition on Importation of Military Arms and Ammunition.

The importation of such military or naval arms and ammunition as have not been purchased by Chinese Government departments, military, naval or civil, continues to be prohibited in accordance with the existing treaties.

7°. Duty Treatment.

Duty at the rate of 5 per cent *ad valorem* will be collected on arms and ammunition imported under the provisions of rules 2°, 3° and 4°.

8°. Transshipment.

Permission to tranship at Shanghai arms and ammunition imported for purposes of self-defence or sport by foreigners residing at other ports will be given if the Shanghai Consul concerned applies to the Shanghai Customs, giving the name of the purchaser and the number of packages. On arrival of such transshipment cargo at the port of destination, the purchaser will still have to obtain from the Superintendent of Customs, through his Consul, the necessary Permit to Import to be presented with the cargo in question to the Customs, who will release it after examination and payment of duty.

9°. Provision against Abuses.

The above regulations, based on the new rules drawn up by the Shui-wu Ch'u, have been revised in a liberal sense with a view to obviating certain inconveniences pointed out by the Diplomatic Corps. They are to come into force from the 1st July, 1908, the beginning of the 192nd quarter. Arms and ammunition imported before that date are to be dealt with in accordance with the original regulations.

The present revised rules will be amended from time to time as required, to provide against such abuses as may arise after they have come into operation.

H. E. HOBSON.

Commissioner of Customs.

CUSTOM HOUSE.

Shanghai, July 1, 1908.

Translation of letter from the Taotai to the Senior Consul, dated August 11, 1908.

The Taotai has hereby to state that on August 6 he was in receipt of a

dispatch from the Customs Ministry, to the effect that in connexion with the new rules as arranged by the Board as to the import of arms and ammunition, compliance with which, as from July 1, was directed by a former dispatch of May last, a report has now been received from the Acting Inspector-General to the effect that the doyen of the Diplomatic Body, the Minister for Holland, has addressed a letter to him pointing out that the new regulations make no mention of arms and ammunition imported by the Police Offices and Volunteers of the Foreign Settlements in China; adding that the limit set to the quantity of ammunition for purposes of sport is inconvenient and should be extended.

The Board then addressed a reply to the Acting Inspector-General, stating that when these Police Offices and Volunteer Forces make importations of munitions of war they may make application to the Senior Consul, first communicating with the Superintendent, by whom a telegram will be addressed to the Board asking for their consideration and approval, whereafter the occasion will be regarded as a special one; no addition being made to the new rules on the subject. In respect to the Minister's remarks as to the inconvenience of the limit fixed for importations by foreign merchants of ammunition for sporting purposes, which was formerly fixed at 25,000 cartridges, and has now, in accordance with the new regulations, been approved only at 10,000; since the regulations have already been fixed, there is an objection to further amendment. If, therefore, a foreign firm at any importation needs for its convenience to import 25,000 cartridges, it is possible that three such firms make a joint application, thus at once avoiding contravention of the regulations and at the same time obtaining the facilities required. The Board, therefore, after directing an answer to the Minister in this sense, now gives directions to the Superintendent of Customs to comply accordingly, and when occasions of the sort arise, to observe the procedure laid down.

The Taotai, upon receipt of this dispatch, besides addressing the Commissioner of Customs asking him to take note, has now to address a communication to the Senior Consul asking him kindly to observe and acquaint the Consul-General of each country, giving directions also to the Municipal Council to take note in every case, and to take action accordingly.

Council Room,

Shanghai, September 17, 1908.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of September 8, notifying the Council of the special regulations of the Chinese Government governing the importation of arms and ammunition for the use of Police Forces and Volunteer Corps, with which the Council will comply as occasion requires.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

DAVID LANDALE,

Chairman.

D. SIFFERT, Esq.,

Consul-General for Belgium,
and Senior Consul.**Road Extensions and Widenings.**

Peking Road.—Payment of compensation for Mow 0.251 of unregistered land east of Cadastral lot 472A is authorized at the rate of Tls. 18,000 per mow with the addition of 10 per cent for compulsory surrender, less one-third for betterment, i.e., a total sum of Tls. 3,313.

Hardoon Road.—The native documents of title to, and plans showing the area of, the portion of unregistered land, measuring Mow 0.730, acquired at a cost of Tls. 219 for the extension of this road between the Bubbling Well and Great Western Roads have been lodged in the Chinese Land Office through the medium of the Senior Consul in the usual manner.

New Roads.

Names for the following Road Extensions, now in process of acquisition and construction, have been authorized as follows:—

Western District.

No. 15 Tatung 大通

Eastern District, Section A.

No. 5 Urga 歐嘉

No. 7 Tungechow 通州

No. 16 Paoting 保定

No. 27 Tsitsihar 齊齊哈爾

No. 31 Yochow 岳州

No. 34 Hsian 西安

No. 41 Yulin 榆林

No. 44 Yangchow 揚州

No. 46 Saigon 西貢

Eastern District, Section B.

No. 54 Colombo 哥倫波

No. 70 Seoul 西瀾

Public Works Department.

Staff.—The appointment of Messrs. W. J. Bidgood and A. T. Gray as Assistant Building Inspectors, from September 19, is noted. These employes have been engaged through the courtesy of Mr. W. Harpur, City Engineer, Cardiff, in accordance with the Council's request of February last.

Fire Brigade.

Indents.—Nos. 1, Messrs. Merryweather & Sons, through the Council's London Agents, for helmets and accessories, £162.3.4; 2, The Gorham Rubber Co., San Francisco, through Messrs. Fearon, Daniel & Co., for 4,000 feet of 2½ inch fire hose, Tls. 4,400; 3, The New Departure Bell Co., through H. Sjöthe, for six fire reel gongs, Tls. 360; are approved for dispatch.

Electricity Department.

The minutes of the Electricity Committee of September 14, are read and confirmed. There were present:—

Messrs. E. C. Pearce (*Chairman*)

H. W. Pilcher

The Electrical Engineer and
Assistant Secretary.

New Buildings.—A report and rough plan are submitted relating to proposed reconstruction work upon the site of the old office and workshop adjoining the Slaughter House. The Engineer's proposals include a suggestion to utilize a portion of the latter property leaving two rooms on the ground floor for the use of the Health Department, and since no objection to this course is raised the Committee recommends its adoption.

Plant.—A report is submitted with reference to the shipment, six months later than the contract time, of the 800 K. W. Turbo Alternator, ordered from Messrs. C. A. Parsons & Co. in 1906, wherefrom it appears that the contractors were not themselves fully to blame, but that Messrs. Bruce, Peebles & Co. the sub-contractors for the electrical portion of the plant, had experienced difficulty in complying with the specification, within the contract time. The Committee endorses the Engineer's recommendation that Messrs. Preece & Cardew be authorized to ascertain the respective costs of the Turbine and Alternator, with a view to the final payment being made to Messrs. C. A. Parsons & Co., less the proportion, estimated at £400, represented by the Alternator.

Particulars have been forwarded to Messrs. Preece and Cardew in respect to the Grease Extracting Plant authorised in the current year's estimates, and the Committee directs that tenders for this plant be obtained from the leading suppliers.

Tenders.—The offer of the British Westinghouse Co., Ltd. to supply High-tension Switchgear for control of Feeders for £345 is authorized for acceptance.

Four tenders for the supply and erection of a Remote Control Operating Switchboard Gallery are submitted and that of the Vulcan Ironworks Ltd. at Tls. 305 is authorized for acceptance.

Two tenders for the supply and fixing of steel lagging on the main exhaust pipes of the Ferranti Engines are submitted, and that of the Shanghai Dock and Engineering Co., Ltd. for Tls. 490 is authorised for acceptance.

Registration of Architects.

The Report of the Special Committee formed to consider the suggested alterations to the Rules with respect to New Foreign Buildings, in accordance with the decision published with the minutes of June 10, is discussed, in anticipation of the amendment of Land Regulation XXX, at present under scrutiny by the Consular Body.

The several amendments and proposals made therein receive the Council's approval and are ordered for transmission to the Senior Council:—

Council Room,

Shanghai, September 17, 1908.

SIR,—In accordance with the request contained in your letter of June 2, relative to the proposed amendment of the text of Article XXX of the Land Regulations, I have the honour to forward, herein enclosed, a copy of the report of the sub-committee formed to draw up the additions to the Rules with respect to New Foreign Buildings, in terms of the amended Article.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

DAVID LANDALE,

Chairman.

D. SIFFERT, Esq.,

Consul-General for Belgium,
and Senior Consul.

Shanghai, July 17, 1908.

SIR,—The accompanying suggested alterations to the Rules with respect to New Foreign Buildings have been drawn up by the special Committee appointed for the purpose, and are now submitted to the Council for approval.

Your obedient servants,

CHARLES MAYNE,
Engineer & Surveyor,
Chairman.

H. BECKER
J. J. CHOLLOT
ARTHUR DALLAS
W. M. DOWDALL
M. MARTI
WALTER SCOTT
ARTHUR P. WOOD.

N.B.—Two members of the Committee, Messrs. King-Hiller and Simpson are absent from Shanghai, but have approved the draft rules.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,
Secretary, Municipal Council.

ADDITION TO RULE I.

“Authorized Architect” means any individual whose name appears in the List of Authorized Architects herein-after provided for.

RULE IA.

List of Authorized Architects.—The ultimate power to admit any applicant is vested in the Council but there shall be appointed an Advisory Committee consisting of:

1.—The Municipal Engineer as Chairman *ex officio*.

2.—Three authorized architects to be nominated by the Shanghai Society of Engineers & Architects.

3.—Three authorized architects to be nominated by the “Institute of Architects in China” (Incorporated); or in default of nominations by these two bodies by the Council.

4.—Three Continental authorized architects to be nominated by the Council.

The duties of this Committee shall be to inquire into and report to the Council on the qualifications of applicants. The Council shall prepare and publish by notification in the Municipal Gazette a list of names of all such architects, engineers and other persons as they may deem qualified to perform the duties required by these

Rules to be performed by an authorized architect, and of such officers of the Public Works Department as the Council may think fit. The Council may also from time to time add to such list the names of any other persons whom they may deem qualified as aforesaid. The Council may remove from such list any of such names as aforesaid, provided that the notice shall be given to any person whose name it is proposed to remove from such list, and he shall be entitled to be heard by the said Council either in person or by Council, before the removal is made. All such alterations shall be notified in the Municipal Gazette. Such list as altered from time to time shall be deemed to be the list of authorized architects.

RULE II.

For “the applicant or by his duly authorized agent” read “an authorized architect” either in his own name or in the name of the firm under whose superintendence the work is to be carried out.

FORM OF APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION AS AN AUTHORIZED ARCHITECT.

The following schedule of particulars to be filled in and returned to the Municipal Engineer:—

- 1.—Name and address in full.
- 2.—Date of birth.
- 3.—Concise account of education and professional training with the necessary dates, giving references to past employers, a statement of the principal works on which the candidate has been engaged and the capacity in which he was engaged in such works.
- 4.—Indenture, articles or agreement, and diploma, if any, to be submitted where possible.
- 5.—The name of some responsible person, local resident or other, who shall vouch for the identity of the applicant to the satisfaction of the Committee.

(Signature)

(Date)

N.B.—Any wilful misrepresentation of fact in filling in the above particulars will disqualify the candidate or will be followed, upon discovery, by the immediate removal of his name from the List of Authorised Architects.

The meeting adjourns at 6.5 p.m.

Health Department.

Notification of Infectious Disease.

The following have been reported during the week ending Sunday, September 20, 1908.	Cases notified among Non-Chinese population of 14,500.	Deaths among Chinese population of 530,000
Small-pox.	0	0
Cholera.	0	0
Typhoid Fever.	1	—
Diphtheria.	2	0
Scarlet Fever.	0	0
Tuberculosis.	0	20
Total Deaths from all Causes	3	189

ARTHUR STANLEY,
Health Officer.

Public Band.

The performances during next week will (weather permitting) be as follows:

Mon. Sept. 28, 5 p.m.	Public Garden
Tues. „ 29, 5 p.m.	Hongkew Recreation Ground
Wed. „ 30, 5 p.m.	Public Garden
Thurs. Oct. 1, 5 p.m.	Public Garden
Fri. „ 2, 5 p.m.	Hongkew Recreation Ground
Sat. „ 3, 5 p.m.	Public Recreation Ground.

The charge for the services of the Band is Tls. 40, and of a Half-Band, consisting of not less than 3 European and 12 Manila musicians, Tls. 25, per hour or part of an hour.

The services of a smaller number of musicians may be engaged at the rate of Tls. 3 per hour for European, and Tls. 1.50 per hour for Manila musicians.

One rehearsal is permitted without fee, all subsequent rehearsals are charged for at half of the above rates.

For the services of a soloist an additional fee of Tls. 25 is charged, inclusive of such rehearsals as are necessary.

If special music is required special arrangements must be made.

Engagements for more than three performances during a season are subject to a reduction of 20 per cent, for more than twelve performances 40 per cent.

For Sunday performances, or services involving marching through the streets double rates are charged.

24 hours' notice is required for the cancellation of any engagement.

The cost of conveyance of musicians for distances beyond a radius of 1 mile from the Municipal offices, Kiangse Road, must be defrayed by the persons engaging them.

The European musicians are allowed to give private music lessons, with the Conductor's permission obtained in each case.

Surplus Plant.

The following machinery, etc., being that used in the construction of the Garden and Chekiang Road Bridges is for sale. Further particulars and permission to view the plant may be obtained on application at the Public Works Office, Hankow Road.

- 1 8" Centrifugal pump (Invincible) with engine complete. Cyl. 7½" by 6" stroke.
- 1 7" Centrifugal pump (Gwynne) with engine complete. Cyl. 7" by 6" stroke.
- 1 6" Centrifugal pump (Gwynne) with engine complete. Cyl. 6" by 6" stroke.
- 1 6" Centrifugal pump (Gwynne) with horizontal engine complete. Cyl. 9" by 8" stroke.
- 1 Steam winch. Cyl. 4½" by 9" stroke. Single purchase. Light standard.
- 1 Steam winch. Cyl. 4¼" by 9" stroke. Double purchase. Light standard.
- 1 Steam winch. Cyl. 5" by 10" stroke. Double purchase. Heavy standard.
- 1 Hoisting engine. Single cylinder with 5 ft. fly wheel. Cyl. 8" by 13" stroke.
- 1 20 cwt. "Lacour" steam pile hammer.
- 1 Cast iron rose box and foot valve complete for 8" pump.
- 2 Cast iron rose boxes and foot valves complete for 6" pump.
- 22 Feet 7" Cast iron pipe in 7'6" lengths.
- 32 Feet 6" Cast iron pipe in 7'6" and 2'0" lengths.
- 29 Feet 4½" Cast iron pipe in 7'0" and 6'0" lengths.
- 1 7" Cast iron short bend.
- 2 6" Cast iron short bends.
- 3 4" Cast iron short bends.
- 6 Brass valves. Sizes 1½", 1¼", ¾" and 2¼".
- 2 3" Hand pumps complete.
- 3 Satch blocks 7" sheave.

- 3 Single sheave blocks 6" sheave.
- 3 Double sheave blocks 3" sheaves.
- 2 Treble sheave blocks 6" sheaves.
- 1 Turn buckle 1¼" screw.
- 17 Crow bars 1½" by 5'0".
- 23 Augers from ¼" to 1¼".
- 1 Adze.
- 1 Weighing Machine.

Concreteware Manufactory.

The following is the Price List of drain pipes and other articles manufactured. The prices quoted are *ex* Depot in Range Road near Woosung Road. Applications for delivery orders should be made at the Public Works Office, Hankow Road. All pipes and tubes are two feet long exclusive of socket.

Size.	Description.	Price.
		Tls.
12"	Pipes (machine made)	0.90
9"	"	0.70
6"	" (machine made)	0.40
4"	" (machine made)	0.25
6"	Bends	0.70
12"	Inverts	0.75
9"	"	0.50
6"	"	0.22
6"	Knuckle Bends	0.60
4"	"	0.40
3'0"	Circular Tubes	7.00
2'0"	"	3.70
2'3" x 1'6"	Egg-shaped Sewer Tubes	4.30
2'3" x 1'6"	Egg-shaped Sewer Drain Mouths	7.00
1'6" x 1'0"	Egg-shaped Sewer Tubes	1.95
2'3" x 1'6"	" " Inverts	2.35
1'6" x 1'0"	" " "	1.20
6"	Junctions, extra	0.30
4"	"	0.20
4" x 2"	Pavement Tubes	0.33
No. 13	Yard Gullies (Fig. A) including cover	0.80
No. 13A	Yard Gullies (Fig. B) including cover	2.00
No. 19	Yard Gullies (Fig. C) including cover	2.55
	Revolving Top Gullies	1.00
	Covers for Fig. A Gullies	0.20
	" " B "	0.25
	" " C "	0.25
9"	Interceptors	3.45
9" to 6"	Taper Pipes	0.75
6" to 4"	"	0.50
2'0"	Gutters	0.45
4'0" x 1'6"	Street Gullies	5.50
4'0" x 2'0"	Kitchen Sinks	5.00
2'6" x 2'0"	"	4.00

Police Report for August.

Strength of the Force on Aug. 31, 1908.

Officers ...	...	8
Foreigners ...	...	206
Indians ...	...	493
Chinese ...	...	913
Total ...		1,620

The main source of trouble to the Police Force during August was the unruly behaviour of certain Japanese in Hongkew.

The facts of the case have already been before the public, but the gravity of the situation at the time may not have been fully realized.

Allowing every latitude for behaviour of sailors ashore on leave, it is hardly credible that such a cowardly and disgraceful attack upon the Police should have been made by law-abiding citizens.

Had the position become a shade more serious, bloodshed might easily have followed.

The Police have to bear the brunt of much abuse in the execution of their duty, but that they should be set upon by a mob armed with broken bottles merely because one of their own nationals has been arrested, calls for something more than passing comment.

Here follow table of persons coming under the notice of Police for criminal and other offences, punishments inflicted, prisoners in custody, vehicle licenses suspended and confiscated, dogs captured, etc., value of property stolen and recovered, and warrants and summonses.

C. D. BRUCE,

Captain-Superintendent.

Return of Persons coming under notice of Police for Criminal and other Offences.

Offences.	Foreigners	Natives	Total
(a) OFFENCES AGAINST THE PERSON:—			
Attempted suicide		3	3
Cutting and wounding	1	6	7
Assault	2	64	66
Kidnapping		17	17
Cruelty to and trafficking in women and children		7	7
Bringing false charges		3	3
Perjury	1		1
Stowing away	3		3
Aiding and abetting in stowing away	2		2
(b) OFFENCES AGAINST RIGHTS OF PROPERTY:—			
Robbery		6	6
Embezzlement		11	11
Extortion		14	14
Burglary		21	21
Obtaining goods or money by false pretences		11	11
Fraud		1	1
Receiving stolen property		11	11
Unlawful possession		23	23
Smelting Imperial one cash pieces		2	2
Larceny	3	337	340
Wilful damage		3	3
Civil Offences:—Debt		24	24
Breach of Contract		7	7
Others		12	12
(c) ACTS INJURIOUS TO THE PUBLIC:—			
Common nuisances		1810	1810
Vagrancy		44	44
Returning after expulsion		9	9
Disorderly and improper conduct	30	147	177
Soliciting prostitution		57	57
Depositing garbage		92	92
Traffic:—Furious driving		29	29
Obstruction		2097	2097
Arms, unlawfully carrying		2	2
Fire Arms, unlawful discharging	1		1
Storing kerosine oil or straw in excessive quantity		4	4
Publishing indecent documents		1	1
Carelessly and recklessly driving and tramping	1	1	2
Public gambling		65	65
Illegal arrest or detention		2	2
Insanitary premises		6	6
Cruelty to animals	1	8	9
Selling lottery tickets		2	2
Selling unsound fruits		34	34
Miscellaneous		32	32
Breach of license conditions:—Wine shop		1	1
Dog	7	4	11
Opium shop		13	13
Teashop		4	4
Pawn shop		3	3
Lodging-house		2	2
Laundry		3	3
Dairy		2	2
Evasion of license:—Opium shop		3	3
Dairy		1	1
Dog	1	1	2
(d) NOT CHARGED:—			
Beggars, Hawkers, Ragpickers		1685	1685
Others	41	343	384
Total ...	94	7090	7184

Return of Sentences.

Sentence.	Foreigners	Natives	Total
Imprisonment	8	442	450
Expulsion		1	1
Fined	21	418	439
Imprisonment and expulsion		74	74
" " fined	3	14	17
Bail forfeited		3926	3926
Remanded	3	5	8
Cautioned	1	14	15
Dismissed	2	40	42
Released on Security		40	40
Left to Court		32	32
Handed to parents or guardians		14	14
Sent to Reformatory		4	4
" Sinza Refuge		25	25
" Door of Hope		6	6
" Native Authorities		6	6
Charge withdrawn		1	1
Committed for trial	1		1
Sent on board ship for punishment	11		11
Fined and to be sent back to Japan	3		3
Total ...	53	5082	5135

Prisoners in Custody on August 31, 1908.

Central Station	103
Louza Station	85
Hongkew Station	124
West Hongkew Station	44
Harbin Road Sub-Station	10
Wayside Station	27
Gaol	746
Yangtszepoo Station	21
Sinza Station	53
Bubbling Well Station	19
Total	1,232

Vehicle Licenses.

	Suspended	Confiscated
Ricsha	538	1,972
Wheelbarrow	18	1
Handcart	—	—
Total	556	1,973

Value of Property Stolen between August 1 and August 28, 1908.

	Dollars
Stolen	25,112.35
Recovered	13,986.75

Warrants and Summonses.

Warrants executed	35
Summonses served	148

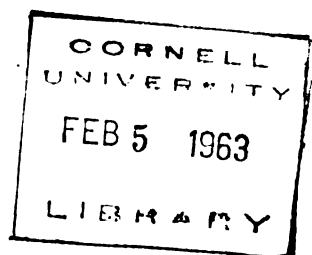
Dogs.

At Kennels July 31, 08	15	} 198
Captured	183	
Returned	17	} 198
Killed	169	
Remaining at Kennels	12	

Summary of Revenue for August.

Description	Estimate	1908			1907			1906		
		Number	Amount	Total from January 1.	Number	Amount	Total from January 1.	Number	Amount	Total from January 1.
	Tls.		Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.		Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.		Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
LAND TAX.....	683,520	—	123,497.54	473,069.40	—	61,635.03	294,549.04	—	67,492.68	377,212.41
GENERAL MUNICIPAL RATE—										
Foreign.....	443,000	—	61,385.40	292,164.09	—	40,799.78	241,663.12	—	40,886.54	224,628.05
Native.....	665,000	—	51,075.72	428,641.78	—	39,437.25	378,767.21	—	41,316.02	351,982.84
WHARFAGE DUES.....	175,000	—	—	79,387.79	—	—	93,294.23	—	—	109,598.95
LICENSE FEES—										
Foreign Hotel and Tavern..	6,500	1	50.00	4,609.08	1	65.00	4,151.50	—	—	4,496.25
Foreign Liquor Seller	18,500	2	66.67	13,709.71	—	—	14,139.42	—	3.10	13,943.09
Restaurant	4,700	—	—	3,590.00	1	10.00	3,510.00	3	40.00	3,960.00
Billiard and Bowling Saloon	700	—	—	504.50	2	7.00	495.00	—	—	510.00
Native Lodging-house	5,800	7	28.00	4,855.23	—	—	3,501.31	18	72.12	3,167.19
Native Wine-shop	9,500	308	1,099.00	7,265.46	381	835.38	5,620.13	286	573.26	5,519.46
Tea-shop	5,700	575	517.22	3,815.23	535	445.95	3,550.81	511	449.21	3,514.03
Foreign Theatre	1,200	10	160.00	1,337.00	13	166.00	972.35	5	67.00	981.50
Native Theatre	3,000	22	313.00	2,359.00	24	238.00	1,822.50	23	216.00	1,600.00
Pawn-shop	17,500	210	3,970.62	13,124.94	—	—	9,476.91	—	—	7,638.76
Opium-shop	4,000	137	637.04	3,234.40	85	336.01	2,893.42	114	456.89	3,717.48
Opium-house	58,000	1,013	3,434.43	35,341.46	1,533	4,961.97	41,306.38	1,692	5,494.88	43,242.80
Cargo Boat	5,800	908	431.37	3,420.80	794	462.17	3,811.39	879	466.43	3,923.00
Ferry or Passenger Boat ..	1,100	64	94.09	728.02	61	88.45	810.74	61	89.43	775.83
Steam Launch.....	2,200	56	82.27	1,607.48	50	84.08	1,580.41	54	116.62	1,273.15
Native Boat.....	3,800	1,616	306.22	2,486.23	1,493	314.43	2,561.95	1,627	319.75	2,562.22
Sampan.....	1,600	137	96.97	997.80	123	88.69	1,137.34	115	97.01	1,320.18
Private-owned Pony and Carriage	14,000	P. 71 C. 71	301.91	10,904.66	P. 64 C. 58	172.48	8,877.08	—	—	8,636.12
Livery Stable	25,000	P. 733 C. 583	2,255.89	18,901.95	P. 805 C. 634	2,420.40	20,157.01	P. 900 C. 720	2,779.33	22,066.99
Motor Car.....	2,100	14	67.00	1,765.34	9	31.85	1,056.85	P. 8	19.84	735.21
Cart	17,000	942	1,125.00	11,215.95	1,050	1,270.48	11,656.81	C. 996	1,238.43	11,005.80
Private-owned Ricscha	40,000	258	535.87	26,727.09	343	416.66	23,275.51	40	1,171.51	23,260.79
Public Ricscha	95,000	7,828	8,569.81	71,228.85	8,118	8,812.66	72,538.01	8,142	8,980.99	70,910.15
Sedan-chair	5,800	15	32.85	4,056.71	22	48.56	4,241.13	90	430.09	5,040.07
Wheel-barrow	37,000	6,223	2,310.52	22,763.45	7,225	3,063.02	24,995.31	6,728	2,704.87	22,696.53
Firearms	10,000	—	—	1,350.00	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dog	800	60	44.16	823.07	65	47.19	709.04	84	61.82	811.15
RENT OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTIES—										
Markets.....	35,000	3,144	3,077.68	23,503.37	2,898	3,010.63	20,343.84	2,314	2,353.74	17,937.20
Town Hall	1,000	—	—	295.00	—	—	2,741.00	—	—	697.28
Firemen's Quarters.....	1,400	—	130.00	1,078.00	—	127.00	1,023.00	—	157.00	1,071.00
Cadastral Lot 168 C.	700	—	—	700.00	—	350.00	2,363.60	—	—	—
FROM PUBLIC COMPANIES—										
Gas Co., Ltd.	6,000	—	499.35	3,918.44	—	470.47	3,197.34	—	—	—
Mutual Telephone Co., Ltd...	7,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Electric Construction Co., Ltd.	15,000	—	—	3,696.30	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total Tls.	2,429,920		266,195.60	1,579,181.58		170,216.59	1,306,790.69		178,054.56	1,350,435.48

A. JOHNSFORD,
Overseer of Taxes.



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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1908.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, September 23, 1908, at 4:30 p.m., there are present:

Messrs. D. Landale (*Chairman*)

A. W. Burkill

W. D. Little

R. S. F. McBain

J. H. McMichael

O. Meuser

The Secretary and Assistant Secretary.

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Volunteers.

Mission Company.—The resignation of 2nd Lieutenant Wheen, forwarded by the Commandant, is received and recorded.

A commission as 2nd Lieutenant is authorized for issue to Sergeant A. M. Lester, to enable him to attend the School of Instruction at Chelsea whilst on leave.

Policing Beyond Limits.

The following letters relating to the irregular arrest and detention of a resident of the Settlement by the native Police Yamên in the Kaifeng Road beyond limits, are ordered for publication:—

Council Room,

Shanghai, September 17, 1908.

SIR,—I have the honour to bring the following facts to the notice of the Consular Body:—

At 9 a.m. on September 5 a native named Li Hou-chin (李厚金) living at 1840 North Szechuen Road invited one Yang Yung-ching (楊榮卿) to leave his house No. 149 North Shanse Road in connexion with a business transaction. On arrival at the Settlement Boundary in Kaifeng Road, and refusing to proceed further, he was

seized by his companion, taken to a Native Yamên beyond limits in the same road, charged with owing him \$89, and is still detained, the official in charge having intimated that he will be held until security is forthcoming.

From the Police Report upon this incident, it is beyond doubt that the matter of dispute occurred within the Settlement, of which both the parties are residents. It is thus clear that a hearing at the Mixed Court alone is permissible, and that the arrest and detention are irregular.

I have therefore the honour to request that the Consular Body will very earnestly press the Native Authorities to release Yang Yung-ching forthwith, whereafter his case may be brought before the proper tribunal by the plaintiff in the usual manner.

I have, moreover, to add that, in view of an evident tendency on the part of the Paoshan Police to encourage native residents in the Settlement to seek their occasional intervention, the incident cannot be regarded as an isolated irregularity, but as one involving a principle which the Council has made many efforts to preserve, and calling for urgent treatment.

The Council trusts that the Native Authorities will not by delay or otherwise, attempt to evade compliance with the Consular Body's request, since this would be productive of friction in the future, and might result in undesirable consequences.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

DAVID LANDALE,

Chairman.

D. SIFFERT, Esq.,

Consul-General for Belgium,
and Senior Consul.

Council Room,

Shanghai, September 25, 1908.

SIR,—With reference to my letter of September 17 on the subject of the irregular arrest and detention of Yang Yung-ching, I have the honour to

inquire whether the Council's views on this subject have yet been made known to the Native Authorities.

It is possible that the protest of the man's friends on this subject would have been ignored even had it been transmitted so promptly as to follow closely upon the occurrence, but delay would now be the more regrettable because, anxious for his release, they have at length acceded to the unjust demand of the native Police Yamên and produced the security which, as they were perfectly well aware, they could never rightly be called upon to do. Yang was set at liberty on Tuesday last, after nearly three weeks of illegal detention.

I hasten, therefore, to bring this fact to your notice, and trust that what has thus been lost in principle will be regained by a vigorous remonstrance on the part of the Consular Body at this grave infringement upon the privilege of a native resident; and by a warning, in uncompromising terms, that in any future case of the kind if prompt redress is not forthcoming, the Police will be constrained to ensure it by taking the necessary action summarily.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

DAVID LANDALE,

Chairman.

D. SIFFERT, Esq.,

Consul-General for Belgium,
and Senior Consul.

Public Lighting.

Re-lighting arrangements, included in the revised scheme for the Eastern District, Section A, now under consideration are approved for execution forthwith in the Wayside District,—Ward, Muirhead, Yangtszepoo, Wayside and Chusan Roads. These involve the removal of one arc and one gas lamps, alteration of the position of two arc lamps, and the erection of six metallic filament lamps. The change will be effected at a small saving in annual cost.

Municipal Properties.

Electrical Power Station.—Upon the recommendation of the Electricity Committee, negotiations in respect to the acquisition of a suitable site for the new Power Station,—the intended functions of which are described in the Electrical Engineer's Report for 1907, *vide* page 204 of the Annual Municipal Report for that year,—have been concluded by the purchase from Mr. Tam Wa of Cadastral lot 6054, Eastern District, for the net sum of Tls. 75,000. The title deed area of this lot is Mow 42.828, and [that available, including Mow 4.5, at present under water, is Mow 39.7.

Reporting upon this site, amongst others available, the Electrical Engineer writes:—

"In designing an electric power station, the ultimate demand for electricity upon which is unknown, provision should always be made for ample extensions, and a selection of a site largely depends upon whether the power house erected thereon is to be for a definite or indefinite plant capacity. Doubtless when the site of the Fearon Road generating station was decided upon it was thought it would be sufficiently large for Shanghai requirements, whereas as a matter of fact ever since it was remodelled and modernised inconvenience has always been experienced through space limitation. It is impossible to forecast the potentialities of electricity supply in Shanghai. Even so recently as 1902 in an annual report to the Council I pointed out that the existing station when re-designed would be capable of providing more than sufficient power for a system of tramways in Shanghai and for lighting plant capable of allowing an equivalent of over 100,000 8-candle power lamps being connected to the mains, and I went on to mention that this number is probably in excess of the requirements that Shanghai will ever need. There is now an equivalent of over 160,000 lamps connected and the monthly rate of increase is still maintained so there would seem no justification for assuming that finality is within measurable distance for lighting, whilst the demand for electricity for power purposes although steadily growing from year to year must certainly make more rapid strides when the Council determine to sell current for such purposes at a very much lower rate than now charged.

"The foregoing remarks are intended to show the importance of looking far ahead and to suggest the advisability of providing adequate accommodation for future extensions.

"The plot of ground recommended is preferable because the level has been raised for some years and the soil has had better opportunity of becoming more or less part of the original bottom soil. The new buildings will be designed in such manner that the plant in the Power House will be well above any probable flood level. In laying the foundation there is no advantage by going deep in this soil as the best is found upon the crust. Whilst the boiler house and condenser floor level will be some five or six feet above ground level the engine room—in accordance with turbine power house design—will be some ten feet above the boiler house level or say fifteen feet above ground level. Foundations for machinery must be of sufficient weight and area to carry the weights upon them, but these foundations need not be sunk low in the ground if the soil is of such a nature that it becomes worse at lower depth; rather is it better to build the foundations upwards allowing them to float upon the crust which forms the best soil. This arrangement will work in particularly well as the construction of the turbine foundations is such that they can form an archwork and girder construction upon which the turbines and alternators rest, whilst below them—in the spaces between the concrete foundations—is space for the condensing plant. Now on this raised ground which is recommended, for purchase we practically start the foundations five feet higher than we could if one of the adjoining sites were selected and a considerable saving in foundations might be effected. In low-lying land it would be more difficult and expensive putting in the foundations because excavating work in new soft soil requires more labour and material to keep the mud out of the openings made for the concrete than in older and stiffer soil. On the question of foundations both for the buildings and machinery I am firmly of opinion that Lot 6054 is the piece to select. The second important argument in favour of this raised site is its river frontage of 350 feet as compared with 280 feet of the lower site. The new power house should cover a width of approximately 170 feet to which must be added another 40 feet for workshop, battery room and stores, in all a total of 210 feet. It will be recalled

"the trouble we have experienced at the Fearon Road Station with condensing and boiler feed water. If the new works are to be a success ample provision must be made for dealing with the water. The lot lends itself for grouping together various outside apparatus or buildings which may be necessary for this purpose. Certain quarters will have to be provided for the European staff on the property; and, it is also suggested that workmen's dwellings should also be built for the native staff, experience going to show that it is advantageous to always have ready to hand available men who can be called upon for duty in cases of emergency. In my opinion the shape of Lot 6054 lends itself for such comprehensive treatment and I think that its higher cost is more than offset by its unquestionable suitability for the purpose for which it is required."

T. H. U. ALDRIDGE,
Electrical Engineer.

Road Extensions and Widenings.

Myburgh Road.—The Engineer forwards a communication from the two members of the Guild of Hot Water Shops with whom the negotiations for the grave-land required for this road were conducted. Therein it is pointed out that the exposed condition of the exhumed coffins is unsatisfactory, and calculated possibly to offend local native public opinion. The Council is in sympathy with this view, and authorizes payment of the sum of Tls. 1,000 from the compensation money for the purpose of purchasing an alternative piece of ground wherein the coffins may be interred. It is decided further to inform the Taotai, through the usual channel, of what has been done in the matter.

Tramways.

Season Tickets.—The following correspondence is ordered for publication:—
Shanghai, September 21, 1908.

DEAR SIR,—I duly received your letter of 14th instant, intimating the recommendation of the Council that 1st Class Season Tickets should be issued without delay at \$8.00, the rate based upon the proposed fares, instead of at \$10.00, the rate based upon the present fares.

The Company regrets that its voluntary offer to introduce Season Tickets (which are not called for by the Concession Agreement) at \$10.00 per month, pending the introduction of the new Fares' Scheme, is described in your letter as "standing out in the light of a retaliatory measure." So far from this being its intention the Company is always anxious to give the best possible services and facilities, and is quite agreeable to waive its preference towards the usual practice of basing the Season Ticket rate on current fares for the same class, and to anticipate the new scheme so far as the \$8.00 Season Tickets are concerned by introducing these as from October 1, 1908. It is perhaps well, however, to explain that, looking to the experience in other places, and also to

the conditions in Shanghai, the Company does not regard Season Tickets as likely, in the future, to constitute a very important part of its total traffic even when they are issued (as provided in the Company's scheme) in conjunction with scales of 1st and 2nd class fares to both of which the \$8.00 charge for 1st class Seasons is suitably related.

It is well to recognize also that Seasons at \$8.00 (a very cheap rate for unlimited 1st class travelling over so large a mileage of line) when issued alongside the *existing* 2nd class fares and coupons (to the abnormally and unworkably low scale of which, for certain distances, the \$8.00 rate does not bear any relation) cannot be expected to divert into 1st class any large section of those who now travel 2nd.

Because of such non-relation it is obvious that no adequate test of the possibilities of Season Tickets can be obtained by this experiment which is not calculated to do more than touch the fringe of the present unparalleled difficulties and anomalies for the entire removal of which the Company's complete scheme was specially designed.

I trust that the Council will give earnest attention to the Company's Fares' proposals in their entirety at an early date, and that same be approved for introduction during the current year.

I shall be glad if you will kindly include this letter in the "Municipal Gazette" in continuation of our correspondence published therein.

Yours faithfully,

D. McCOLL,

General Manager.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,

Secretary, Municipal Council.

Council Room,
Shanghai, September 24, 1908.

SIR,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of September 21, and, in reply thereto, to express the Council's appreciation of the course which your Company has followed in arranging for the issue of tramway season tickets at \$8 per mensem, with effect from October 1.

The remainder of your letter under reply has received careful attention and, in accordance with your concluding request, it has been authorized for publication in due course.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. E. LEVESON,

Secretary.

D. McCOLL, Esq.,

General Manager,

Shanghai Electric Construction Co., Ltd.

Traffic Returns.—Letter from the Company is read, enclosing a statement showing the number of passengers and the amount of receipts during the months of June, July and August.

The General Manager points out that the increase in number of passengers has been counterbalanced by adverse exchange.

These statistics are ordered for inclusion in the minutes:—

JUNE.

1st CLASS.	Passengers.		Receipts.			Passen- gers per car mile.	Receipts per car mile.	Receipts per passenger.
	Number.	%	\$	C.	%	Number.	Mex. cents.	Mex. cents.
Gross Totals	85,836	...	7,189	90	...	...	...	...
Less loss by exchange	...	...	1,007	48	...	...	...	...
Net Totals	85,836	9.75	6,182	42	19.32	—49	3.55	7.20
2nd CLASS.								
Gross Totals	794,353	...	30,021	71	...	...	...	...
Less loss by exchange	...	...	4,139	46	...	...	...	...
Net Totals	794,353	90.25	25,882	25	80.68	4.57	14.88	3.26
Net Grand Totals	880,189	100	32,064	67	100	5.06	18.43	3.64

Car Miles—173,945.

Percentage of loss by exchange : 15.52.

JULY.

1st CLASS.	Number.		Receipts.			Number.	Mex. cts.	Mex. cts.
	Number.	%	\$	C.	%	Number.	Mex. cts.	Mex. cts.
Gross Totals	88,756	...	7,545	10	...	...	...	...
Less loss by exchange.	...	...	1,282	01	...	...	...	...
Net Totals.	88,756	9.95	6,263	09	19.76	—52	3.69	7.06
2nd CLASS.								
Gross Totals	802,952	...	29,869	83	...	...	...	...
Less loss by exchange.	...	...	4,441	04	...	...	...	...
Net Totals.	802,952	90.05	25,428	79	80.24	4.73	14.98	3.17
Net Grand Totals	891,708	100	31,691	88	100	5.25	18.67	3.56

Car Miles—169,743.

Percentage of loss by exchange : 17.43.

AUGUST.

1ST CLASS.	Number.		Receipts.			Number.	Mex. cts.	Mex. cts.
	Number.	%	\$	C.	%	Number.	Mex. cts.	Mex. cts.
Gross Totals	86,475	9.60	7,274	45	...	...	...	...
Less loss by exchange	...	...	1,161	38	...	...	...	...
Net Totals	86,475	9.60	6,113	07	19.23	53	3.74	7.07
2ND CLASS.								
Gross Totals	814,436	...	30,577	29	...	...	...	...
Less loss by exchange	...	...	4,908	71	...	...	...	...
	814,436	90.40	25,668	58	80.77	4.99	15.74	3.15
Net Grand Totals	900,911	100	31,781	65	100	5.52	19.48	3.52

Car Miles—163,127.

Percentage of loss by exchange:—18.14.

D. McCOLL,

General Manager

The meeting adjourns at 5.30 p.m.

Health Department.

Notification of Infectious Disease.

The following have been reported during the week ending Sunday, September 27, 1908.	Cases notified among Non-Chinese population of 14,500.	Deaths among Chinese population of 530,000
Small-pox.	0	0
Cholera.	0	0
Typhoid Fever.	1	—
Diphtheria.	0	1
Scarlet Fever.	0	0
Tuberculosis.	1	14
Total Deaths from all Causes	2	161

ARTHUR STANLEY,
Health Officer.

Opium House.

In accordance with the decision published in the minutes of the meeting of July 22 the drawing of lots for closure of the second quarter of the licensed opium houses will take place in the Maloo Market on Saturday, October 3, at 2 p.m.

Messrs. Chu Lan-fang, Shen Tun-ho and Yü Ya-ching have consented to be present at the drawing, as representative members of the native community.

Public Band.

The performances during next week will (weather permitting) be as follows:

Mon. Oct.	5, 5 p.m.	Public Garden
Tues. "	6, 5 p.m.	Hongkew Recreation Ground
Wed. "	7, 5 p.m.	Public Garden
Thurs. "	8, 5 p.m.	Public Garden
Fri. "	9, 5 p.m.	Hongkew Recreation Ground
Sat. "	10, 5 p.m.	Public Recreation Ground.

The charge for the services of the Band is Tls. 40, and of a Half-Band, consisting of not less than 3 European and 12 Manila musicians, Tls. 25, per hour or part of an hour.

The services of a smaller number of musicians may be engaged at the rate of Tls. 3 per hour for European, and Tls. 1.50 per hour for Manila musicians.

One rehearsal is permitted without fee, all subsequent rehearsals are charged for at half of the above rates.

For the services of a soloist an additional fee of Tls. 25 is charged, inclusive of such rehearsals as are necessary.

If special music is required special arrangements must be made.

Engagements for more than three performances during a season are subject to a reduction of 20 per cent, for more than twelve performances 40 per cent.

For Sunday performances, or services involving marching through the streets double rates are charged.

24 hours' notice is required for the cancellation of any engagement.

The cost of conveyance of musicians for distances beyond a radius of 1 mile from the Municipal offices, Kiangse Road, must be defrayed by the persons engaging them.

The European musicians are allowed to give private music lessons, with the Conductor's permission obtained in each case.

Surplus Plant.

The following machinery, etc., being that used in the construction of the Garden and Chekiang Road Bridges is for sale. Further particulars and permission to view the plant may be obtained on application at the Public Works Office, Hankow Road.

- 1 8" Centrifugal pump (Invincible) with engine complete. Cyl. 7½" by 6" stroke.
- 1 7" Centrifugal pump (Gwynne) with engine complete. Cyl. 7" by 6" stroke.
- 1 6" Centrifugal pump (Gwynne) with engine complete. Cyl. 6" by 6" stroke.
- 1 6" Centrifugal pump (Gwynne) with horizontal engine complete. Cyl. 8" by 8" stroke.
- 1 Steam winch. Cyl. 4½" by 9" stroke. Single purchase. Light standard.
- 1 Steam winch. Cyl. 4½" by 9" stroke. Double purchase. Light standard.
- 1 Steam winch. Cyl. 5" by 10" stroke. Double purchase. Heavy standard.
- 1 Hoisting engine. Single cylinder with 5 ft. fly wheel. Cyl. 8" by 13" stroke.
- 1 20 cwt. "Lacour" steam pile hammer.
- 1 Cast iron rose box and foot valve complete for 8" pump.
- 2 Cast iron rose boxes and foot valves complete for 6" pump.
- 22 Feet 7" Cast iron pipe in 7'6" lengths.
- 32 Feet 6" Cast iron pipe in 7'6" and 2'0" lengths.
- 29 Feet 4½" Cast iron pipe in 7'0" and 6'0" lengths.
- 1 7" Cast iron short bend.
- 2 6" Cast iron short bends.
- 3 4" Cast iron short bends.
- 6 Brass valves. Sizes 1½", 1", ¾" and ½".
- 2 3" Hand pumps complete.
- 3 Snatch blocks 7" sheave.
- 3 Single sheave blocks 6" sheave.

- 3 Double sheave blocks 3" sheaves.
- 2 Treble sheave blocks 6" sheaves.
- 1 Turn buckle 1½" screw.
- 17 Crow bars 1½" by 6'0".
- 23 Augers from ½" to 1½".
- 1 Adze.
- 1 Weighing Machine.

Hongkew Recreation Ground.

Two full size Football Grounds, one Practice Ground and one small Hockey Ground for Ladies will be available for use from November 1 to March 31, 1909.

Secretaries of teams desiring to make use of the above are requested to forward their application to Mr. F. K. Ward at the Shanghai Public School, as soon as possible.

The Grounds will be available daily for purposes of practice when matches are not in progress.

Concreteware Manufactory.

The following is the Price List of drain pipes and other articles manufactured. The prices quoted are *ex* Depot in Range Road near Woosung Road. Applications for delivery orders should be made at the Public Works Office, Hankow Road. All pipes and tubes are two feet long exclusive of socket.

Size.	Description.	Price.
		Tls.
12"	Pipes (machine made)	0.90
9"	"	0.70
6"	" (machine made)	0.40
4"	" (machine made)	0.25
6"	Bends	0.70
12"	Inverts	0.75
9"	"	0.50
8"	"	0.22
6"	Knuckle Bends	0.60
4"	"	0.40
3'0"	Circular Tubes	7.00
2'3" x 1'6"	"	3.70
2'3" x 1'6"	Egg-shaped Sewer Tubes	4.30
	Egg-shaped Sewer Drain Mouths	7.00
1'6" x 1'0"	Egg-shaped Sewer Tubes	1.95
2'3" x 1'6"	" Inverts	2.35
1'6" x 1'0"	"	1.20
6"	Junctions, extra	0.30
4"	"	0.20
4" x 2"	Pavement Tubes	0.33
No. 13	Yard Gullies (Fig. A) including cover	0.80
No. 13A	Yard Gullies (Fig. B) including cover	2.00
No. 19	Yard Gullies (Fig. C) including cover	2.55
	Revolving Top Gullies	1.00
	Covers for Fig. A Gullies	0.20
	" " B "	0.25
	" " C "	0.25
9"	Interceptors	3.45
9" to 6"	Taper Pipes	0.75
6" to 4"	"	0.50
2'0"	Gutters	0.45
4'0" x 1'6"	Street Gullies	5.50
4'0" x 2'0"	Kitchen Sinks	5.00
2'6" x 2'0"	"	4.00

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1908.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, September 30, 1908, at 4.30 p.m., there are present :

Messrs. D. Landale (*Chairman*)
A. W. Burkill
J. H. McMichael
O. Meuser
The Secretary and
Assistant Secretary.

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Police.

Foreign Branch.—A communication from the War Office is read, acquainting the Council that approval has been given to the resignation of his commission by Captain E. I. M. Barrett, Royal West Surrey Regiment. In accordance with former arrangements, Captain Barrett will now definitely join the Council's service, with effect from the date of his arrival in Shanghai, May 1, 1907.

The promotion of T. Roche to be 1st Class Sergeant is authorised with effect from September 14.

Extra pay for service at the Mixed Court is authorised for issue to Sergeant Kerrigan from August 12, during the absence on leave of Sergeant Shaw.

Recreation Fund.—Following the recommendation of the Captain Superintendent, the purchase of a billiard table for the West Hongkew Station is authorised, at an approximate cost of Tls. 550.

Indian Branch.—Referring to recent cases of Indians dismissed for misconduct, and to correspondence on the subject with H. M. Consul General, it is considered advisable that breaches of discipline and other offences involving dismissal be treated, wherever possible, by prosecution under the King's Regulation, No. 1 of 1906, in the first place.

The suggestion is also approved whereby Indian recruits shall in future be compelled to deposit a monthly sum of \$3 in the Savings Bank until sufficient is accumulated to defray their passage to India in event of dismissal.

Japanese Disturbances.—Referring to recent Police Court cases involving Japanese civilians and sailors, correspondence as to which was published with the minutes of August 26, the Japanese Association writes recommending the enlistment of a number of Japanese Constables. The letter with reply as directed is ordered for publication:—

Shanghai, September 10, 1908.

SIR,—In view of the recent troubles between the S. M. Police and some of the Japanese sailors, and seeing that such troubles arose from trifling and avoidable causes, we the Japanese Residents Corporation, would humbly and strongly recommend,—seeing the large number of Japanese now in Shanghai, and the large Japanese shipping interest here,—that the Municipal Council should enroll a few Japanese Constables with an Inspector or Sergeant. This course we are sure would at once do away with these troubles and would strengthen the hands of the Municipal Council in maintaining good order in the Settlement, which is the desire of,

Yours obediently,

JAPANESE RESIDENTS' CORPORATION,
YONEJIROH ITO,
Chairman.

D. LANDALE, Esq.,
Chairman, Municipal Council.

Council Room,

Shanghai, October 5, 1908.

SIR,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of September 10, in which you make a suggestion, as a result of certain brawls which have engaged the attention of the Police in Hongkew, as to the enrolment of Japanese Constables with an Inspector or Sergeant in charge of them.

In reply I am directed to state that while in the Council's opinion the step which you suggest would be unwarranted by the circumstances, and at least premature, the best method of dealing with such difficulties as they arise will receive the closest Police attention.

In the meantime there exists a vacancy for an additional Japanese Inter-

preter which will not improbably be filled in the near future.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. E. LEVESON,

Secretary.

YONEJIROH ITO, Esq.,

Chairman,

Japanese Residents' Corporation.

Native Beggars.—Police report on the subject of the exclusion of beggars from the Settlement is read, containing proposals for the establishment of a complete cordon of men charged with the prevention of the influx of beggars during the ensuing winter. The scheme has been drawn out on a preliminary basis by the Assistant Superintendent for Chinese, and is generally speaking approved, the details to be elaborated in due course. In the meanwhile it is decided to communicate again with Mr. Chu Pao-san on the subject of the charitable institution in the Yunnan Road, which has constituted in the past so considerable an attraction to this class of nuisance:—

Council Room,

Shanghai, October 3, 1908.

SIR,—I am directed, in view of the approaching winter season, to draw your attention to my letter of February 7 last, and to the interviews which preceded it, wherein it was agreed that, with the Council's assistance, the distribution of food and other alms to beggars at the charitable institution in the Yunnan Road, of which you are the chief representative, would thereafter be transferred to a suitable locality beyond Settlement limits.

In reminding you of this agreement I have now to express the hope that you will forthwith give this question your most earnest care, taking the necessary steps promptly; and I am again to record the Council's readiness to give such active assistance as lies within its power, and the members' appreciation of your Committee's promise.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. E. LEVESON,

Secretary.

CHU PAO-SAN, Esq.

Stray Dogs.—The Watch Committee has approved a suggestion that the Kennels at present situated within the Isolation Hospital compound be transferred to the Western Police Depot, where the dogs captured may be under closer supervision by the Police. It is noted that 3 or 4 kennels must necessarily remain as at present, for the isolation of rabid or suspected dogs.

Public Garden.—The suggestion of the Captain Superintendent that an additional rule be included in the Regulations of the Public Garden and Recreation Grounds, excluding Indians except those respectably dressed, is approved, and it is understood that the Police on duty will use discretion in keeping out disreputable and dirty watchmen and others.

Policing Beyond Limits.

A Police report is submitted on the subject of a case before the Paoshan Authorities, to which reference was made in the Universal Gazette of September 10. Therefrom it appears that for a theft in the Kuling Road the thief, properly arrested beyond Settlement limits, was conveyed to one of the new native police yamens established on the Settlement borders and sentenced to 200 blows. The Council's attitude towards these petty yamens has been and continues to be one of sustained protest.

Mixed Court.

Administration of Blows.—The case to which the foregoing minute refers, as well as a further case reported in the Shun Pao of September 20, where a man was sentenced to 400 blows, forcibly illustrate the present anomalous state of affairs, under which corporal punishment is in vogue immediately beyond and not within the boundary of the Settlement.

Convict Labour.

The Superintendent's report for the month of August is submitted, and the continued effort of Mr. Stuart to bring about profitable results from convict labour meets with the Watch Committee's approbation. With regard to the question of longer hours of work,

the Captain Superintendent points out that additional Warders will be required, and, in the contemplation of the profit earned by prisoners during the half year ended June 30, the necessary additional staff is sanctioned; it appears evident that more work per diem may be performed, and arrangements to that end are approved. The Indian Warders' quarters are at present full, and it will therefore be necessary to lease houses in the neighbourhood for the accommodation of such extra men as may be required, which may suitably be arranged in connexion with similar quarters for the Wayside Station Indians during the re-building works about to be undertaken at Wayside.

The suggestion formerly made for the leasing of a Chinese shop as a showroom for Gaol products is adopted, and directions are given for the revision by the Superintendent, in collaboration with the Accounts Office, of the tariff of manufactured articles, and for its republication.

Health Department.

Vegetable Dealers near Woosung Road.—Letter from the Mercantile Marine Officers Association is read, renewing their complaint of November last as to the alleged nuisance created by coolies landing vegetable produce from the Soochow Creek in this neighbourhood. Beyond directing that the Police do what is possible to prevent unnecessary noise, the Watch Committee is unwilling to interfere with this old established creekside industry and a further reply in this sense is authorised.

Ordure Loading Station Hongkew Creek.—A letter from certain residents in the neighbourhood of the Nanzing Road is submitted as to the nuisance generated by this station, in reply to which it is decided to point out that, while every effort will be made to conduct the work inoffensively, there would be considerable difficulty in the transfer of a station which has been in its present position for upwards of 40 years, i.e. before any foreign residences were erected in the district.

Municipal Laboratory.

With reference to certain representations made in July last, as to the analytical work performed by the Health Department and to the fees charged therefor, the following approved tariff

is authorized for publication. Hong-kong Government Notification No. 664, containing the conditions and tariff of charges for analytical examinations for the general public in the Government Laboratory, has been submitted for the Watch Committee's information, and the present arrangements substantially follow those in vogue at the southern port. It is noted that analyses for purely Public Health purposes will, in the discretion of the Health Officer, continue to be made for a nominal fee, while the charges for those of commercial products, metallurgical tests, etc., are designed, after comparison with the tariff of a leading local analyst, to avoid undue competition with individual interests:—

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL LABORATORY.

Analyses and tests will be made for the public as follows:—

- 1.—The right is reserved of refusing samples which may not be of sufficient public importance to warrant analysis.
- 2.—Where purity of food is in question, which may influence Public Health, analysis may, at the discretion of the Health Officer, be undertaken at a nominal fee.
- 3.—The locality from which samples come must be clearly described.
- 4.—Crushed samples will not be received for analysis.
- 5.—All samples analysed will remain the property of the Council.
- 6.—The Council will not recognize any claims arising from results of analysis.

Water (chemical and bacterial):—	Tls. 50
Milk.	„ 5
Butter.	„ 30
Liquors.	„ 40
Minerals, alloys, metals, etc.:	
Qualitative test for one constituent	„ 10
Qualitative analysis complete	„ 25
Quantitative analysis: each constituent	„ 35
Coal:	
General analysis	„ 35
Calorific value	„ 15
Petrol, benzine, kerosene, lubricating and other oils:	
General analysis	„ 50
Flash point only	„ 5
Building materials: cement, mortar, lime, etc.:	
Chemical and physical tests as to quality	„ 50
Toxicological examinations:	
Qualitative	„ 50
Quantitative	„ 100

Fees for other examinations and any further information can be obtained on application to the Health Officer.

Quantities which should be submitted for analysis:—

Milk and Liquors	1 pint
Butter	1 pound
Water	1 gallon

When bacterial examination is required water should be sent packed in ice except in very cold weather.

Victoria Nursing Home

An entry in the Suggestion and Complaint Book makes allusion to the necessity for increasing the accommodation which the Home provides. The members are aware of this condition of affairs, and, in reply, it will be stated that provision will if possible be made in next year's Budget for erecting a block of buildings as a Nurses' Residence, upon the completion of which the top-storey of the present building will be available for patients. A scheme of this character was excluded from the current Budget by considerations of finance.

Public Swimming Bath.

With a view to a more effective check on the receipts from bathers, the installation of a registering turnstile at a cost of about Tls. 240 is authorised.

Licence Conditions.

In connexion with the re-printing of the Handbook of Local Regulations, now in progress, the Council sanctions certain minor changes in the conditions governing the licences issued for purposes of Revenue, the general tendency of which is towards similarity of treatment. The licences issued for purposes of Public Health without fee have been re-cast in accordance with the latest additions to Bye-law XXXIV, and the new conditions as submitted are approved.

Superannuation Fund.

Certain suggestions by the Heads of the four principal Departments as to the revision of the Rules governing the Superannuation Fund have been under consideration by the Finance Committee, with the result that it is decided from January 1, 1909, to calculate superannuation on the amount of authorized allowances for quarters, fuel, light and

messing. This decision is in conformity with the paragraph in the report of the Police Enquiry Committee which pointed out that, inasmuch as quarters are provided for the Police Force while other employes of the Municipality of similar rank get higher pay and no allowances, the amount which accumulates in the case of the Force is proportionately less. The Council concurs in the justice of this contention, while noting that the change will add a sum of Tls. 14,000 to ensuing estimates of expenditure.

Accident to Mrs. Butler.

Letter from the Shanghai Horse Bazaar Co., Ltd. is read, expressing willingness, without prejudice to the responsibilities of the Company, to reimburse the Council one-half of the damages and costs incurred in this arbitration case. As a settlement of the question at issue, and without any admission as to the Council's rights under Clause 5 of the agreement with the Bazaar, the members are in favour of acceptance of this offer.

Road Extensions and Widenings.

A minute of the Works Committee draws attention to certain claims for compensation for land surrendered for road purposes, based on values exceeding those placed last year on registered lots for purposes of taxation. These values were assessed by Messrs. W. Scott and A. E. Algar and were understood to be fair market values; for this reason the Committee is adverse to assenting to the claims in question, except after reference to the Land Commission, unless the owners will in turn agree to accept the rates per mow as bases for taxation.

Resolution No. VIII passed at the Ratepayers Meeting in March, 1904, is read, illustrating the course adopted by the Council when similar claims arose with respect to the former Assessment Schedule, and the Committee's recommendation is adopted that the Resolution be re-drawn to meet present requirements and submitted for public approval at the Annual Meeting next ensuing:—

"Resolution VIII.—That in all cases where at dates later than August 26, 1903, land has been or shall be surrendered to the Council under Land Regulation VIA at a price higher than the assessed value, plus the usual consideration for compulsory sale

"(that is to say plus one-third plus 10 per cent) the Council be authorised to assess and collect land-tax on the lots from which such land is taken at the price paid by the Council for such surrendered land, less 25 per cent, and that such revised assessments be effective from January 1, 1904."

Hanbury and Woosung Roads.—Payment of compensation for about Mow 0.2 acquired ex Cadastral lot 1071 for the improvement of the corner of these roads is authorised at the rate of Tls. 12,000 per mow, plus 10 per cent, and it has been arranged that the corner shall be splayed instead of rounded. This lot forms part of the estate of the late Sir Thomas Hanbury.

Extension No. 15 W (Tatung Road). In accordance with the following correspondence, the question of compensation in respect of the scheduled strip of Cadastral Lot 981 will be referred for settlement by the Land Commission:—

Shanghai, August 31, 1908.

DEAR SIR,—In reply to your letter to Mr. Platt of the 19th instant, relative to the surrender of a portion of B. C. Lot 3252, measuring in area Mow 0.107 we are instructed by the beneficial owner, that he is prepared to surrender the land in question on receipt of compensation calculated at the assessed value of the land, plus 10 % for compulsory surrender.

Yours faithfully,

STOKES, PLATT & TEESDALE.

C. MAYNE, Esq.,
Municipal Engineer.

Council Room,
Shanghai, September 10.

GENTLEMEN,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of August 31, addressed to the Municipal Engineer, on the subject of the surrender of the portion of Cadastral lot 981 required for Road Extension No. 15 W, and in reply to state that the Council is of opinion that this surrender should be made without compensation.

Under existing conditions the lot in question, a narrow strip of land with no road access, can have but little value, but with the formation of the road, and by possible amalgamation with an adjoining property, it would undoubtedly acquire such value. In consideration of this fact, therefore, I am to request that you will be good enough to use your good offices with the beneficial owner to secure a surrender upon the lines indicated.

It may be pointed out to him that surrenders without payment have been received in respect to Lots 947 and 966, both of which are similar to the property in question as regards shape and position vis-a-vis the new road.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Messrs. STOKES, PLATT & TEESDALE.

Shanghai, September 30, 1908.

SIR,—In reply to your letter of the 10th September we have approached the beneficial owner of this Lot on the lines you suggested, and referred to the free surrender of Lots 947 and 966 mentioned by you.

We regret however that she is still unable to view the matter in the same light as the Council, and under the circumstances we have no alternative but to refer you again to our letter to Mr. Mayne of the 31st August last.

We are, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

STOKES, PLATT & TEESDALE.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,
Secretary, Municipal Council.

Council Room,

Shanghai, October 3, 1908.

GENTLEMEN,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of September 30, on the subject of the extension of the Tatung Road, as affecting Cadastral lot 981, and, in reply thereto, to state that the Council adheres to the opinion that the surrender from this lot should be made without compensation. In view, however of the fact that the beneficial owner declines to withdraw her claim in recognition of the benefit which will accrue to the property, there appears no alternative than that the matter should be referred to the Land Commission for settlement, which course will accordingly be followed.

The necessary plans will be prepared for signature, and notice of the date fixed for the hearing conveyed to you in due course.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Messrs. STOKES, PLATT & TEESDALE.

Electricity Committee.

Letter from Mr. E. C. Pearce is read containing the resignation of his seat on the Committee as a result of his approaching absence from Shanghai, and it is decided to request Mr. F. Anderson to fill the vacancy until Mr. Pearce's return.

Tenders.

The following are authorised for acceptance :—

1.—Construction of a boundary wall at the Astor House Garden, Sah Jin Kee, Tls. 826. This expenditure is chargeable to the Garden Bridge.

2.—Erection of railings for stand and ditches consisting of iron pipes and standards, Soy Chong, Tls. 7.50 per chang, with an addition of Tls. 1 per chang for excavation and concrete work. These are required for use instead of the customary Foochow pole railings which are proving costly to maintain.

3.—Erection of Quarters and Store at the Police Western Depot, Kiang Yu Kee, Tls. 44,250, with extras amounting to Tls. 8,520, as follows :—

	Block D.	Block E.
Contractor's tender	33,950	10,300
Drains and cement work	1,510	380
Electric light and water	3,300	780
Locks, tiles &c.	1,900	650
	Tls. 40,660	12,110

The following tenders were also received :—

	Block D.	Block E.	Total.
	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.
Tai Kee	33,100	9,800	42,900
Chun Sung-kee	34,640	10,730	45,370
Zee Zung Tai	35,980	11,050	47,030
Kung Tai	37,170	10,190	47,360
New Building & Construction Co., Ltd.	36,680	11,200	47,880
Joe Ming Kee	40,450	11,150	51,600
Liu Sui-kee	39,892	12,545	52,437
Sah Jin Kee		56,970	
Chai Che San		60,300	
S. Quailing	48,815	13,716	62,531
Hong Kee	55,300	12,750	68,050
Sing Woo Kee	62,976	13,865	76,841
Zee Kung Kee	64,500	15,400	79,900
Stolz & Kind	80,000	12,000	92,000

4.—Removal and Re-erection of the Sinza Market, the New Building and Construction Co. Ltd., Tls. 4,060, with extras amounting to Tls. 3,440, as follows :—

Cement floor	Tls. 3,070
Drainage	„ 200
Urinal	„ 20
Hydrant, etc.	„ 150

Tls. 3,440

The meeting adjourns at 5.55 p.m.

Health Department.

Notification of Infectious Disease.

The following have been reported during the week ending Sunday October 4, 1908.	Death among Chinese population of 530,000	Cases notified among Non-Chinese population of 14,500.
Small-pox.	0	0
Cholera.	0	0
Typhoid Fever	—	0
Diphtheria.	0	0
Scarlet Fever.	0	0
Tuberculosis	11	0
Total Deaths from all Causes	168	4

ARTHUR STANLEY,

Health Officer.

Public Band.

The performances during next week will (weather permitting) be as follows:

Mon.	Oct. 12,	5 p.m.	Public Garden
Tues.	„ 13,	5 p.m.	Hongkew Recreation Ground
Wed.	„ 14,	5 p.m.	Public Garden
Thurs.	„ 15,	5 p.m.	Public Garden
Fri.	„ 16,	5 p.m.	Hongkew Recreation Ground
Sat.	„ 17,	4.30 p.m.	Public Recreation Ground.

CORNER
House Assessment, 1908.
COMMUNITY

The Finance Committee will meet on Friday, October 9, at 4.30 p.m., for the hearing of appeals against re-assessments, when owners may attend either in person or by representative.

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1908.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, October 7, 1908, at 4.30 p.m., there are present :

Messrs. D. Landale (*Chairman*)

A. W. Burkill

W. D. Little

H. A. J. Macray

J. H. McMichael

O. Meuser

W. A. C. Platt

J. Prentice

The Secretary and

Assistant Secretary.

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Police.

Foreign Branch.—Constable Shorter is dismissed the Force as from October 5 for neglect of duty.

Nine months leave of absence is granted to Sergeant Lynch from November 6.

Western Depot.—It is noted that the Police Western Depot in Connaught Road is now in full working order, and with the object of affording the Rate-payers and general public an opportunity for becoming more closely acquainted with the functions which this depot is designed to fulfil, as described on page 12 of the Annual Report for 1907, the suggestion of the Captain-Superintendent is adopted that the buildings be open to inspection by the public upon presentation of a visiting card, or signature in a book kept in the charge room at the Depot. Every facility will be offered to visitors who may wish to see the schools and quarters.

Mixed Court.

Case of Armed Robbery.—With reference to a case, heard in February last, of armed robbery in the Szechuen Road, wherein 4 men, against whom there were 11 charges of armed robbery, were sentenced to not less than 5 years imprisonment and sent into the City, it is noted from the Shen Pao of September 26, that the ringleader, Kong Ah-sing, being again brought before the City Magistrate and compelled to kneel for

3 hours on irons, still denies the charges against him, and has again been remanded in custody pending further trial.

Corporal Punishment.—In connexion with two cases recently brought to the Watch Committee's notice, reference to which was made in the minutes of September 30, the following letters are ordered for publication :—

Council Room,
Shanghai, October 5, 1908.

SIR,—I have the honour to refer to my letters of April 13, 1907, and January 10, 1908, wherein the Council indicated the need for the re-introduction of blows as a punishment at the Mixed Court, which ceased in November, 1905 when the Native Authorities issued and acted upon a prohibition ostensibly general, but, as the upshot has proved, designed in reality for particular application in the Foreign Settlement alone.

Two further illustrations of the anomalous state of affairs thus created have recently come to the Council's notice. One is a case to which reference is made in the "Universal Gazette" of September 10, wherein for a theft committed in the Settlement, the culprit was conveyed to a native yamen close to Settlement limits and awarded 200 blows; another is that reported in the Shen Pao of September 20, in which, after conviction upon a charge of kidnapping, a man was given 400 blows.

The new feature which these and many recent instances present lies in the fact that the punishment took place within a few hundred yards of the Settlement boundary: so that the contrast between the active and efficient method of handling native petty offences in vogue beyond limits, and the inefficacy of the crippled powers left to the Mixed Court, is more than ever emphasized, and made apparent to the native mind.

Your letter of April 28 stated that your colleagues of the Consular Body were not unanimous as to the advisability of making representations in this matter, and the foregoing verified accounts are communicated with a view to illustrating the urgency of a question,

which in the Council's opinion calls for immediate treatment.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

DAVID LANDALE,

Chairman.

D. SIFFERT, Esq.,

Consul-General for Belgium,
and Senior Consul.

Shanghai, October 6, 1908.

DEAR SIR,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of October 5, on the subject of the re-introduction of bamboo as a punishment at the Mixed Court and to renew, in reply thereto, our previous statement that the Consular Body cannot come to an unanimous approval of the proposition that negotiations should be carried on to have the reintroduction of blows as a punishment at the Mixed Court.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

D. SIFFERT,

Consul-General for Belgium,
and Senior Consul.

D. LANDALE, Esq.,

Chairman, Municipal Council.

Public Lighting.

The Engineer's report, with schedule and plan, relating to the revision of the lighting of the Eastern District, Sections A and B, is submitted and approved. These proposals lay down how the lighting will ultimately be arranged, and in the meantime each section of the work will be submitted for the Council's sanction as the annual appropriation under this heading will allow.

The Band.—The erection of 3 standard electric lamps upon the grass plot opposite the Passenger Pontons is authorized. They will be in use only during the landing or embarkation of passengers, and arrangements will be made for payment by meter for current consumed.

Drainage.

North Honan Road.—A letter, signed by a number of native shop-keepers in this road, refers to the delay in the completion of the sewer and to the inconvenience caused thereby.

From a report submitted by the Engineer the Council learns that the difficulties which have been encountered in the progress of the work have been considerable, notably the close proximity of gas and water mains; the impossibility of preventing tidal water from flooding the trench; the danger of affecting the foundations of adjoining properties owing to the narrowness of the road; and the general scarcity of labour throughout the Settlement. It is recognized that the present is a case in which the utmost dispatch should be used, and directions are given that no trouble or expense be spared in bringing the work to a speedy and satisfactory conclusion.

Road Extensions and Widenings.

Kiangse Road.—With reference to the minute of October 8 which recorded the Council's decision in the matter of payments for land for road purposes based upon values higher than those placed last year on registered lots for purposes of taxation, the following correspondence, relating to Cadastral Lot 81B, is ordered for publication:—

Shanghai, August 20, 1908.

DEAR SIR,—We beg to acknowledge receipt of your favour of yesterday's date, asking upon what terms we are prepared to surrender, should the Council decide to acquire it, that portion of B.C. Lot 6585, which is scheduled for acquisition on the official plan of Road Extensions and Widenings, measuring Mow 0.047 and coloured red on the plan sent us on the 20th ultimo.

In reply, we beg to inform you that we are prepared to surrender the strip of land required at the rate at which we purchased the property, viz., Tls. 53,000 per mow plus 10 per cent for compulsory surrender, that is:—

Mow 0.047 at Tls. 53,000	
.....	Tls. 2,491
10 per cent for Compulsory	
Surrender	Tls. 249
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	Tls. 2,740
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Yours faithfully,

L. MOORE & Co.

C. MAYNE, Esq.,

Municipal Engineer.

Council Room,
Shanghai, August 28, 1908.

GENTLEMEN,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of August 20, addressed to the Municipal Engineer, on the subject of the widening of the Kiangse Road ex Cadastral Lot 81B.

In reply thereto I am to state that the Council is averse to paying for this strip at a higher rate than the "fair market value" placed thereon by Messrs. Scott and Algar for purposes of taxation so lately as last year, viz., Tls. 45,000 per mow.

It is also to be observed that this value covered the whole of Lot 81 before its division and thus included a frontage corner on the Ningpo Road. The value of the middle section may therefore be taken to be somewhat less than Tls. 45,000 per mow.

The principle of betterment is one which, in the Council's opinion, should unquestionably be applied in this instance, and, following the course adopted in the case of Lots 20 and 27 (Land Commission Case LVII), and in other recent cases, the Council suggests that one-third should be deducted in this connexion.

Upon these lines, I am directed to make a counter-offer for the strip as follows:

Mow 0.047 at Tls. 45,000	
per mow	Tls. 2,115
Plus 10 per cent for	
Compulsory surrender ..	212
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	2,327
Less 1/3 for betterment	776
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	Tls. 1,551
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I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant.

W. E. LEVESON,

Secretary.

Messrs. L. MOORE & Co.

Shanghai, September 17, 1908.

DEAR SIR,—We beg to acknowledge receipt of your favour of the 28th ultimo on the subject of the widening of the Kiangse Road ex Cad. Lot 81B. We beg to respectfully point out that the value of Tls. 45,000 per mow placed thereon by Messrs. Scott & Algar for the purpose of taxation was done in the early part of last year, while we have only quite recently acquired the property at Tls. 53,000 per mow, and in the face of an actual sale we regret we cannot agree that a "Market Value" can be other than the actual amount

paid. Apart from the fact that prices have advanced since the beginning of 1907, we are of the opinion that a small lot has a higher market value in proportion to a larger lot such as Lot 81 and in asking for payment at the rate of Tls. 53,000 per mow, the purchase price, we do not consider it unusual as there have been cases recently where the Council has paid on this basis.

While not admitting the principle of betterment as generally applied we are, however, without prejudice, prepared to waive the question and submit to the deduction of one-third but must decline to accept payment for the land at less than Tls. 53,000 per mow.

We therefore amend our claim as follows:

Mow 0.047 at Tls. 53,000	
per mow	Tls. 2,491
Plus 10% for Compulsory	
surrender	249
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	Tls. 2,740
Less one-third for betterment.	913
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	Tls. 1,827
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We beg to remain,

Yours faithfully,

L. MOORE & Co.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,

Secretary, Municipal Council.

Council Room,

Shanghai, October 2, 1908.

GENTLEMEN,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of September 17, in further reference to the widening of the Kiangse Road ex Cadastral Lot 81B, and, in reply thereto, to state that the Council will sanction payment of compensation for the surrenderable strip in accordance with the terms of your letter, provided that, in turn, you will accept the higher rate of Tls. 53,000 per mow as a basis upon which taxes will henceforward be paid on the property, less the usual deduction of 20 per cent.

In the alternative, I am to state that the Council is of opinion that the matter is one for reference to the Land Commission for settlement.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

W. E. LEVESON,

Secretary.

Messrs. L. MOORE & Co.

Shanghai, October 6, 1908.

DEAR SIR,—We have to acknowledge your favour dated the 2nd instant with reference to the widening of the Kiangse Road ex Cadastral Lot 81B and note that the Council are willing to sanction the payment of compensation for the surrenderable strip at the rate of Tls. 53,000 per mow provided we accept this amount as a basis upon which taxes will henceforth be paid on the property less the usual deduction of 20 per cent. This we are quite agreeable to and shall be glad to receive your cheque for Tls. 1,827 in due course, viz.:

Mow. 0.047 at Tls. 53,000	
per mow.....	Tls. 2,491
Plus 10 per cent for Compulsory surrender	249
	2,740
Less one-third for betterment	913
	Tls. 1,827

We beg to remain,

Yours faithfully,

L. MOORE & Co.

W. E. LEVESON,

Secretary, Municipal Council.

Municipal Grants.

St. Luke's Hospital.—An application on behalf of St. Luke's Hospital for an additional special grant towards a scheme for extending the hospital premises is submitted, and in view of the excellent work performed by this institution, much of which is of a charitable nature, it is decided that an appropriation of the amount suggested, Tls. 5,000, be inserted in the Budget for 1909 as presented for the Rate-payers' approval in March next:—

St. Luke's Hospital.

Shanghai, September 18, 1908.

DEAR SIR,—May I present to you the needs of St. Luke's Hospital. A few years ago we put up a fine new building, with up to date operating rooms, X ray plant and a laboratory, and added largely to the number of beds for patients.

We are so crowded now that we are unable to accommodate all those who apply for admission, and feel compelled to put up another new building to meet the needs of the large and growing population of Shanghai.

We own a fine building lot next to the Hospital, on Seward Road, and we have accumulated a building fund of over 15,000 Taels. Our architects have put in a plan and estimates for a new building of four storeys. This will

give us all the rooms we need and it will be a very fine addition to the hospital. We shall be glad to show you the plans and estimates in order that you may see what excellent accommodation it will give for patients.

Many of these patients come from the poorer classes of Chinese, so that the work is largely a charitable one.

The estimates for the new building call for 30,000 Taels. We still need a large sum of money before we can build.

I am told that in April 1907, the Council made a grant in aid of 5,000 Taels to the London Mission Hospital to help them in the work of putting up a new building for that hospital.

May I ask that the Council extend the same favour to St. Luke's Hospital by giving us a grant of Taels 5,000.

We have a very valuable plot of ground and most of the money required for building. With a grant of Taels 5,000 from the Council, I feel quite sure that we could raise the balance of the money needed.

Hoping that the Council will give a favourable answer to my application.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

H. W. BOONE, M.D.,

Physician to St. Luke's Hospital.

The Chairman, Municipal Council.

Council Room,

Shanghai, October 8, 1908.

SIR,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of September 18, containing an application for a special grant of Tls. 5,000 to the fund, now in process of collection for extending the premises of St. Luke's Hospital.

In reply thereto, I am directed to express the Council's appreciation of the excellent work which this Hospital fulfils, and to state that, in accordance with your request, provision for such a grant will be made in the Budget for 1909 when submitted for the Rate-payers' approval in March next.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. E. LEVESON,

Secretary.

H. W. BOONE, Esq., M.D.,

St. Luke's Hospital.

The meeting adjourns at 5.25 p.m.

Surplus Plant.

The following machinery, etc., being that used in the construction of the Garden and Chekiang Road Bridges is for sale. Further particulars and permission to view the plant may be obtained on application at the Public Works Office, Hankow Road.

1 8" Centrifugal pump (Invincible) with engine complete. Cyl. 7½" by 6" stroke.
1 7" Centrifugal pump (Gwynne) with engine complete. Cyl. 7" by 6" stroke.
1 6" Centrifugal pump (Gwynne) with engine complete. Cyl. 6" by 6" stroke.
1 6" Centrifugal pump (Gwynne) with horizontal engine complete. Cyl. 9" by 8" stroke.
1 Steam winch. Cyl. 4½" by 9" stroke. Single purchase. Light standard.
1 Steam winch. Cyl. 4½" by 9" stroke. Double purchase. Light standard.
1 Steam winch. Cyl. 5" by 10" stroke. Double purchase. Heavy standard.
1 Hoisting engine. Single cylinder with 5 ft. fly wheel. Cyl. 8" by 13" stroke.
1 20 cwt. "Lacour" steam pile hammer.
1 Cast iron rose box and foot valve complete for 8" pump.
2 Cast iron rose boxes and foot valves complete for 6" pump.
22 Feet 7" Cast iron pipe in 7'6" lengths.
32 Feet 6" Cast iron pipe in 7'6" and 2'0" lengths.
29 Feet 4½" Cast iron pipe in 7'0" and 6'0" lengths.
1 7" Cast iron short bend.
2 6" Cast iron short bends.
3 4" Cast iron short bends.
6 Brass valves. Sizes 1½", 1", ¾" and 2¼".
2 3" Hand pumps complete.
3 Snatch blocks 7" sheave.
3 Single sheave blocks 6" sheave.
3 Double sheave blocks 3" sheaves.
2 Treble sheave blocks 6" sheaves.
1 Turn buckle 1½" screw.
17 Crow bars 1½" by 5'0".
23 Augers from ½" to 1½".
1 Adze.
1 Weighing Machine.

Concreteware Manufactory.

The following is the Price List of drain pipes and other articles manufactured. The prices quoted are ex Depot in Range Road near Woosung Road. Applications for delivery orders should be made at the Public Works Office, Hankow Road. All pipes and tubes are two feet long exclusive of socket.

Size.	Description.	Price.
		Tls.
12"	Pipes (machine made)	0.90
9"	" "	0.70
6"	" (machine made)	0.40
4"	" (machine made)	0.25
6"	Bends	0.70
12"	Inverts	0.75
9"	" "	0.50
6"	" "	0.22
6"	Knuckle Bends	0.60
4"	" "	0.40
3'0"	Circular Tubes	7.00
2'0"	" "	3.70
2'3" x 1'6"	Egg-shaped Sewer Tubes	4.30
2'3" x 1'6"	Egg-shaped Sewer Drain Mouths	7.00
1'6" x 1'0"	Egg-shaped Sewer Tubes	1.95
2'3" x 1'6"	" " Inverts	2.35
1'6" x 1'0"	" " "	1.20
6"	Junctions, extra	0.30
4"	" "	0.20
4" x 2"	Pavement Tubes	0.33
No. 13	Yard Gullies (Fig. A) including cover	0.80
No. 13A	Yard Gullies (Fig. B) including cover	2.00
No. 19	Yard Gullies (Fig. C) including cover	2.55
	Revolving Top Gullies	1.00
	Covers for Fig. A Gullies	0.20
	" " B "	0.25
	" " C "	0.25
9"	Interceptors	3.45
9" to 6"	Taper Pipes	0.75
6" to 4"	" "	0.50
2'0"	Gutters	0.45
4'0" x 1'6"	Street Gullies	5.50
4'0" x 2'0"	Kitchen Sinks	5.00
2'6" x 2'0"	" "	4.00

Opium House Licenses.

List of licensed opium houses, of which the numbers were drawn on October 3 for closure on December 31, 1908:—

Number drawn	Address	License Fee \$
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1st Drawing Nos. 1 to 117.

3	AA 14 Ping-cha-ka	2.00
8	Ba 54 Hongkong Road	1.50
25	E 179a Shanse Road	3.50
28	224 "	4.50
36	G 273 Fokien Road	3.50
38	462 "	5.00
43	I 322 Chekiang Road	3.00
49	La 76/77 West Tientsin Road	2.00
50	106 "	2.00
52	Lt. 204 Thibet Road	3.00
54	Pr 5 Woo-Foo-Loong	4.50
55	16 "	3.00
66	Q 313 Tientsin Road	5.00
68	S 112 Ningpo Road	4.50
69	167 "	2.50
71	238 "	2.50
74	309 "	4.50
77	341 "	1.00
78	343 "	1.50
83	U 119 Peking Road	1.50
86	338 "	4.00
88	361 "	2.50
89	367 "	4.00
90	678 "	2.50
94	1157 "	2.50
101	1298 "	1.50
104	Vv 192 Amoy Road	3.50
107	402 "	3.50
108	488 "	3.00

2nd Drawing Nos. 118 to 137.

120	A 250 Szechuen Road	6.00
125	E 114 Shanse Road	5.50
127	233 "	4.00
131	P 299 Nanking Road	13.50
132	Pa 74 Loong-Ze-Yuen	7.00

3rd Drawing Nos. 138 to 145.

139	C 265 Honan Road	31.00
142	E 249 Shanse Road	44.00

*4th Drawing Nos. 146 to 176.**Nos. 146 to 176.*

146	C 467 Honan Road	2.00
150	Cc 15 King Loong Ka	4.00
152	42 "	3.00
162	CA 19 Se-Ge-Bae-ka	4.00
163	41 "	5.00
164	42 "	5.00
167	45 "	5.00
170	85 "	1.50
171	86 "	1.50
177	117 "	1.50
181	151 "	1.50
182	153 "	1.50
191	D 115 Shantung Road	1.50
197	122 "	1.50
198	123 "	1.50
202	131 "	1.50
205	134 "	1.50
215	318 "	4.00
219	323 "	4.00
226	337 "	5.00
227	E 57 Shanse Road	4.50
228	301 "	3.00
230	305 "	3.00

Number drawn	Address	License Fee \$	Number drawn	Address	License Fee \$
236	G 13 Fokien Road	3.00	549	340 F'chow Rd. West portion	2.00
237	18 "	2.00	552	385 "	4.00
241	84 "	5.00	553	387 "	3.00
242	85 "	5.00	556	399 "	5.00
246	89 "	5.00	558	403 "	5.00
247	90 "	5.00	562	467 "	5.00
248	91 "	5.00	565	471 "	5.00
252	102 "	5.00	572	532 "	2.00
253	103 "	5.00	575	543 "	2.50
256	112 "	4.50	578	592 "	2.00
258	148 "	3.00	580	N 77 Hankow Road	2.50
265	175 "	4.00	581	82 "	4.00
267	178 "	4.00	584	193a "	1.00
270	185 "	3.00	587	216 "	4.00
273	190 "	3.00	596	232 "	1.00
275	200 "	5.00	600	277 "	5.00
276	209 "	3.00	603	299 "	5.00
279	692 "	5.00	605	309 "	4.00
284	703 "	5.00	613	O 56 Kiukiang Road	4.00
292	733 "	5.00	614	60 "	4.50
293	737 "	5.00	619	139 "	5.00
302	Gc 23 Pakhoi Road	2.00	621	273 "	2.50
319	355 "	2.50	622	376 "	2.50
320	360 "	3.50	628	Oa 5 Tong Sing Ka	4.00
322	H 14 Hoopoh Road	2.00	635	30 "	4.00
327	31 "	4.00	640	R 48 Yunnan Road	2.50
331	204 "	5.00	642	64 "	4.50
334	211 "	5.00	644	132 "	1.50
336	213 "	5.00	645	133 "	1.50
338	215 "	5.00	646	134 "	1.50
344	226 "	5.00	647	135 "	1.50
349	234 "	5.00	656	148 "	1.50
353	238 "	5.00	659	151 "	1.50
358	386 "	5.00	666	206 "	1.50
359	387 "	5.00	672	408 "	1.00
362	Hu 27 Hoihow Road	2.50	673	430 "	2.00
365	I 30 Chekiang Road	5.00	674	431 "	2.00
369	35 "	5.00	678	475 "	1.50
378	44 "	5.00	679	526 "	1.50
379	46 "	3.00	682	RR 18 Swatow Road	1.50
382	49 "	5.00	690	W 175 Kweichow Road	3.00
390	58 "	5.00	692	Z 109 Kwangse Road	3.00
397	136 "	3.00	693	112 "	4.00
409	735 "	5.00	699	134 "	4.00
410	803 "	3.00	708	437 "	2.00
418	812 "	3.00	716	445 "	1.50
421	815 "	5.00	721	470 "	4.00
425	J 99 Sungkiang Road	1.50	731	487 "	1.50
426	100 "	1.50	736	536 "	1.50
430	104 "	1.50	738	540 "	1.50
434	108 "	1.50	739	541 "	1.50
438	220 "	2.00	1439	M 482 Foochow Road	4.00
440	K 3 Wuhu Road	2.50			
442	31 "	1.50			
454	L 152 Canton Road	3.00			
455	180 "	5.00			
462	254 "	5.00			
463	255 "	5.00			
466	259 "	5.00			
475	461 "	2.50			
484	500 "	5.00			
488	585 "	3.50			
491	Lt. 2 Thibet Road	2.00			
493	54 "	2.00			
495	57 "	2.00			
496	63 "	1.50			
500	72 "	1.50			
501	74 "	2.00			
505	LA 15 Yeh-kway-Lee	2.50			
508	32 "	2.50			
512	Lb 12 Tsing Yo Ka	3.00			
523	M 96 Foochow Road	2.00			
524	111 "	4.00			
528	137 "	5.00			
545	M 285 "	3.00			

5th Drawing Nos. 177 to 822.

751	C 54 Honan Road	6.00
753	Cc 6 King Loong Ka	5.50
754	36 "	5.50
763	D 314 Shantung Road	13.00
764	325 "	6.00
765	330 "	6.00
778	H 39 Hoopoh Road	8.00
780	233 "	6.00
782	337 "	9.50
784	366 "	10.50
788	L 205 Canton Road	9.50
790	225 "	16.00
793	649 "	6.00
799	M 168 Foochow Road	13.00
800	169 "	28.00
811	N 302 Hankow Road	3.00
818	O 153 Kiukiang Road	9.50
821	Z 428 Kwangse Road	6.00
822	499 "	9.00

Number drawn	Address	License Fee \$	Number drawn	Address	License Fee \$	Number drawn	Address	License Fee \$
<i>6th Drawing Nos. 823 to 845.</i>			<i>11th Drawing Nos. 1088 to 1134. Nos. 1440 to 1459.</i>			1338	F 418 Bubbling Well Road	3.00
823	Cc 19 King Loong Ka	53.50	1091	Jc 505 Ward Road	2.50	1339	577 "	2.50
825	D 138 Shantung Road	41.50	1094	L 288 Yangtszepoo Road	3.00	1341	1133 "	2.50
826	159 "	64.00	1095	309 "	3.50	1346	K 103 Park Road	2.00
834	M 139 Foochow Road	72.00	1098	660 "	2.50	1352	681 "	5.00
838	231 "	42.00	1100	804 "	2.00	1353	702 "	2.50
842	O 58 Kiukiang Road	42.00	1105	1004 "	5.00	1354	L 525 Kuling Road	2.50
<i>7th Drawing Nos. 846 to 907.</i>			1108	1319 "	3.00	1361	O 7 Stone Bridge Road	3.50
847	C 32 Woosung Road	4.00	1113	1361 "	2.00	1364	99 "	3.00
856	380 "	2.50	1115	Lt 206 Thorburn Road	1.50	1378	R 25 Carter Road	1.50
859	455 "	2.50	1116	406 "	2.00	1380	540 "	3.00
865	1545 "	2.50	1117	413 "	2.00	1382	725A "	2.00
868	1580 "	3.50	1118	LA 1837 Lower Y'tszipoo Rd.	1.50	1387	S 972 Markham Road	2.00
872	Ca 5 Kashing Road	3.50	1441	Jc 98 Ward Rd. Extension	2.00	1388	1012 "	2.00
876	Cd 4 Morrison Road	5.00	1443	156 "	1.00	1391	Ss 5 Connaught Road	1.50
879	D 35 Durpoe Road	2.00	1444	172 "	2.00	1392	W 310 Cho Dae Koh	4.00
880	144 "	3.00	1446	180 "	3.00	1394	313 "	3.00
888	F 307 Woosung Road	3.00	1447	182 "	1.50	1398	495 "	2.50
891	578 "	2.50	1448	184 "	1.50	<i>16th Drawing Nos. 1400 to 1407.</i>		
898	H 47 Nanzing Road	2.50	1450	186 "	1.00	1403	B 2034 Sinza Road	6.00
905	Y 120 North Szechuen Road	3.50	1453	214 "	2.50	1405	O 101 Stone Bridge Road	8.00
906	Z 5 Miller Road	4.00	1455	258 "	1.50	<i>17th Drawing Nos. 1408 to 1433.</i>		
907	185 "	2.50	1457	306 "	2.00	1409	Fb 183 Siccawei Road	2.50
<i>8th Drawing Nos. 908 to 916.</i>			<i>12th Drawing Nos. 1135 to 1136.</i>			1410	343 "	3.00
909	C 41 Woosung Road	9.00	1136	LA 2602a Lower Y'tszipoo Rd.	6.00	1412	366 "	1.50
911	680 "	6.00	<i>13th Drawing Nos. 1137 to 1279.</i>			1413	368 "	2.50
<i>9th Drawing Nos. 917 to 1078.</i>			1137	A 312 Broadway East	3.00	1415	H 18 Cemetery Road	4.50
918	F 415 Woosung Road	3.00	1150	B 13 Dixwell Road	3.50	1428	J 285 Taku Road	2.00
921	G 391 Tiendong Road	2.00	1153	231 "	2.50	1432	481 "	4.50
924	408 "	4.00	1154	407 "	2.50	<i>18th Drawing Nos. 1434 to 1435.</i>		
932	IA 15 Alabaster Road	2.50	1155	906 "	2.50	1434	H 23 Cemetery Road	5.50
941	Id 690 Kaifeng Road	2.00	1160	Bb 55 Market Street	2.50	369 Houses. \$1,692.50		
953	KA 291 Cunningham Road	2.00	1164	Cc 1862 East Yuhang Road	4.50	Health Department.		
964	P 538 North Honan Road	3.50	1168	Ca 1263 East Kashing Road	2.50	Notification of Infectious Disease.		
965	558 "	2.50	1178	E 212 Li Hongkew Ka	2.50			
966	Pr 9 Tong Dang Ka Loong	2.50	1182	EA 313 Wuchow Road	3.00			
969	100 "	2.50	1185	937 "	1.50			
972	663 "	3.00	1191	J 289 East Seward Road	3.50			
976	918 "	3.50	1192	296 "	3.50			
983	PA 521 Tsepoo Road	2.00	1193	320 "	3.00			
984	547 "	2.50	1194	379 "	3.00			
987	594 "	3.50	1202	1287 "	4.50			
989	629 "	2.00	1206	1407 "	3.00			
994	Pb 118 Purdon Road	4.50	1209	1704 "	2.50			
995	149 "	2.50	1212	1886 "	3.00			
997	644 "	2.00	1213	1906 "	2.50			
998	661 "	2.50	1214	2189 "	1.50			
1005	Pd 377 Haining Road	3.00	1217	2260 "	3.00			
1007	395 "	2.50	1226	JA 1238 Sing Kei Pang Road	3.00			
1010	904 "	3.50	1229	N 341 Dent Road	2.00			
1013	1005 "	3.00	1230	346 "	4.00			
1014	1010 "	2.50	1234	Q 89 Yuenfong Road	3.50			
1019	1814 "	2.50	1236	181 "	3.00			
1022	1982 "	2.50	1239	186 "	4.00			
1024	2531 "	2.00	1242	202 "	2.00			
1028	2769 "	4.00	1246	557 "	2.00			
1033	Pr 409 Elgin Road	2.00	1250	R 320 East Hanbury Road	4.50			
1039	X 19 North Shanse Road	2.50	1251	330 "	2.50			
1040	20 "	4.50	1260	1012 "	4.50			
1044	1468 "	2.00	1261	1036 "	2.50			
1052	XA 567 North Fokien Road	2.50	1263	1071 "	3.00			
1059	Xf 53 Kansuh Road	2.50	1275	T 642 Hwakee Road	3.50			
1060	55 "	2.50	<i>14th Drawing Nos. 1280 to 1291.</i>					
1064	404 "	4.50	1280	A 782 Broadway East	6.00			
1066	1178 "	2.00	1285	J 122 East Seward Road	17.50			
1074	Xc 514 North Chekiang Road	3.00	1288	2644 "	14.50			
1075	714 "	5.00	<i>15th Drawing Nos. 1292 to 1399.</i>					
<i>10th Drawing Nos. 1079 to 1087.</i>			1297	B 135 Sinza Road	3.00			
1080	I 539 North Soochow Road	21.00	1299	228 "	3.00			
1086	X 1484 North Shanse Road	6.00	1303	454 "	2.50			
			1315	1868 "	3.50			
			1318	Bb 41 Wenchow Road	2.00			
			1324	D 192 Ping-Chiao Road	1.50			
			1326	253 "	3.50			
			1330	E 127 Burkill Road	2.00			
			1332	490 "	2.00			

Health Department.

Notification of Infectious Disease.

The following have been reported during the week ending Sunday, October 11, 1908.	Cases notified among Non-Chinese population of 14,500.	Deaths among Chinese population of 530,000
Small-pox.	0	0
Cholera.	0	0
Typhoid Fever.	0	3
Diphtheria.	0	3
Scarlet Fever.	0	2
Tuberculosis.	1	28
Total Deaths from all Causes	7	158

ARTHUR STANLEY,

Health Officer.

Public Band.

The performances during next week will (weather permitting) be as follows:

Mon. Oct. 19, 5	p.m.	Public Garden
Tues. " 20, 2.30	p.m.	Public Recreation Ground
Wed. " 21, 2.30	p.m.	Public Recreation Ground
Thurs. " 22, 5	p.m.	Hongkew Recreation Ground
Fri. " 23, 5	p.m.	Public Garden
Sat. " 24, 4.30	p.m.	Hongkew Recreation Ground.

Health Officer's Report for September.

The Public Health, which has been exceptionally good throughout the summer, continued so during September. A few cases of Cholera have been reported, but in none was the diagnosis confirmed in the Laboratory. Meanwhile the supervision over the food supply has been exceptionally rigorous.

There has been no case of Small-pox in Shanghai for over two months, but the season is approaching when it usually becomes prevalent. Now is the time, therefore, to be vaccinated.

On the 25th the long advertised measure of not permitting the entry of cattle to the Municipal Slaughterhouse from the insanitary Pahsienjao hongs was put into operation, but without complete success, a shortage of cattle occurring, which necessitates the retention of the hongs at least for a time.

Here follow tables of Vital Statistics, Infectious Disease and Outdoor Sanitary Work: Work done in the Municipal Laboratory, Municipal Hospitals and Slaughterhouse; and list of Laundries, Dairies and Dealers in Perishable Food-stuffs, etc., licensed for the protection of the Public Health.

ARTHUR STANLEY,
Health Officer.

Deaths.

	Foreign Resident.	Native Non-Resident.
Small-pox	0	0
Cholera	0	0
Typhoid Fever ..	2	0
Diphtheria	0	3
Scarlet Fever.....	0	0
Tuberculosis	4	78
Beri-Beri	3	0
From all causes ..	30	815

Infectious Disease Notified Among Foreign Resident Population.

Small-pox	0
Cholera	0
Typhoid Fever	7
Diphtheria	3
Scarlet Fever.....	0
Tuberculosis	4
Beri-Beri	3

Municipal Laboratory.

Small-pox vaccine issued ...	350 tubes.
Vaccinations	25
Diphtheria Antitoxin issued..	35 bottles
Cases undergoing anti-rabies treatment	5
Bacteriological examinations ..	83
Analysis	9

Slaughter-House Returns.

	Slaughtered.	Rejected at Slaughter-house.	Passed for Slaughter from Cattle-sheds.	Passed for Export from Cattle-sheds.	Rejected at Cattle-sheds.
Oxen	1432	3	1432	0	0
Sheep	2408	0	2408	20	3
Calves	347	0	347	0	0
Pigs	174	4	0	0	0

Victoria Nursing Home.

Cases admitted	37
Discharged	42
Died	1
Remaining last day of month	7
Nursed outside the Home	0
Daily visits	0
Nursing pre-engagements	0

Sanitary Work.

Complaints of insanitary conditions received from the public	39
Insanitary conditions reported by Health Office	129
Written intimations issued for sanitary amendment	50
Second written intimations issued for sanitary amendment	1
Notices of intention to proceed served ..	0
Samples taken for analysis	15
Pounds of unsound food destroyed ..	1243
Food prosecutions	33
House refuse prosecutions	109
Laundry and other prosecutions	1
Enquiries after notification of foreign cases of infectious disease	8
Enquiries after notification of Chinese cases of and deaths from infectious disease	295
Rooms disinfected after infectious disease	201
Articles of clothing, bedding, etc., disinfected by steam	1050
Rooms whitewashed	3798
Ventilation and lighting amended	15
Defective drainage amended	59
Insanitary latrines and urinals rendered healthy	10
Insanitary ditches, ponds and creeks rendered healthy	11
Night-soil pits and kongs abolished ..	20
Exposed coffined corpses removed and buried	12
Smoke nuisances suppressed	2
Offensive trade processes amended	0
Insanitary wells abolished	5
Tons of ordure removed	6390
Tons of house refuse removed	9483
Other unhealthy conditions amended ..	20
Beggar boats removed	5
Hawkers brought into markets	290

Isolation Hospital

	Foreign.	Native.
Cases Admitted—Small-pox	0	0
Cholera	0	0
Typhoid Fever	0	0
Diphtheria	4	1
Scarlet Fever	0	0
Other Diseases	3	38
Discharged	8	56
Died	2	4
Remaining last day of month	0	15

Report on Analysis of Water.

Sample received September 29, 1908.

Report sent out October 5, 1908.

Sample of Shanghai Waterworks Co.'s Water.

Physical Characters. — Greenish yellow colour with slight opacity. Slightly alkaline reaction.

Solid Matter in Solution	12.8
a. — Volatile	5.8
b. — Fixed	7.0
Appearance on Ignition .. Slight Charring	
Total Hardness	8.5
a. — Temporary	4.5
b. — Permanent	4.0
Chlorine	2.0
Nitrogen as Nitrates	0.1031
Saline Ammonia	0.0023
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.0130
Poisonous Metals	Nil
Nitrites	Nil
Phosphates	Nil
Sulphates	Traces.

Bacteriological Examination. — Gelatine plates at 23°c. yielded an average of 83 micro-organisms per c.c. of which 1 in 10 were liquefying.

Agar plates at blood heat showed 8 microbe colonies per c.c.
No organisms of the Coli group were present in quantities of 0.3 c.c. and under.

Report on Analysis.—A sample of water of good degree of chemical and bacteria purity.

Licensed Butchers, Poultry, Game and Vegetable Dealers.

Butchers.	Situation.
NORTHERN DISTRICT.	
W. Futterer	1106 Broadway
Fritz Pasche	7 " "
R. Neumann	Astor Road
Wong Sie Shang ..	72 Tiendong Road
Kyung Yue Shing ..	671 " "
Tsiang Ka Va	672 " "
Lo Jung	957 Woosung Road
Sieu Kam Cheong ..	5 and 6 Market Road
Wong Yeek Sang ..	17 " "
Vee Ching Kee	1457 Woosung Road
An Sing	1578 " "
CENTRAL DISTRICT.	
Hop Foong	17 Maloo Market.
Hong Kee	19 " "
Yeh Tai	27 " "
Tsin Tai	28 " "
Yung Tai Foh	29 " "
Hopkins	1 Ningpo Road
Vegetable and Game.	
Tsao Sung Ling ..	677 Tiendong Road.
Yue Ming Kwai ..	1451 Woosung Road.
Vee Fah Kee	122 Market Road.
Sau Z. Yoong	32 & 33 Miller Road
CENTRAL DISTRICT.	
Tsao Sung Ling ..	12 Maloo Market.
Liu Yun Kung	14 " "
Tan Chee Ling	15 " "
Vie Ah Sun	16 " "
Loh Ah Sai	18 " "
Nui Ah Char	26 " "
Zung Tsan Ming ..	30 " "
Bah Yung Ling	31 " "
Zung Teh Ling	32 " "
Chu Wai Chu	33 " "

Licensed Laundries.

Laundry.	Situation.
EASTERN DISTRICT.	
Ah Chow	465-6 Dent Road
Ah Kung	467 do.
Old Ah Foo	469-71 do.
Jackson	472-3 do.
Big Sam	56-8 Dent Lane.
Jim	1858 Seward Road
Wo Yue	1859 do.
Yue Shing	1860 do.
Cling Kee	1861 do.
Mew Shing	1862 do.
Ah Ling	1863 do.
Big Sam	1192 Yuhang Road
Ah Kee	222 Tongshan Rd.
No. 1 Kashing	262-3 Harbin Road
No. 2	260-1 do.
No. 3	258-9 do.
No. 4	257-8 do.
No. 5	256 do.
No. 6	255 do.
No. 7	254 do.
No. 8	253 do.
No. 9	251-2 do.
No. 10	250-1 do.
No. 11	249 do.
No. 12	248 do.
No. 13	247 do.
No. 14	245-6 do.
No. 15	243-4 do.
No. 16	242 do.
No. 17	241 do.
No. 18	240 do.
No. 19	239 do.
Nos. 20-50 ..	237-287 do.
NORTHERN DISTRICT.	
Yak Shing	846 Woosung Road
Miller	308 Miller Road
Chin Kee	1113 Woosung Road
Wong Ah Sam	1381 Haining Road
N. Y. K.	N. Szechuen Rd. Ex
Yah Tah Tung	Pd. 2818 Haining Rd.
International No. 12	517-518 N. Szechuen Rd. Ex
	709-723 do.

WESTERN DISTRICT.

Yung Shing Washing Co.	314-309 O'king Rd.
Woo Kee Washing Co.	259 Taku Road.
Woo Foo Washing Co.	55 Yates Road.
Zhang Shing	24 Weihaiwei Rd.
Shanghai Steam Laundry Co.	451 "
Shing Washing Co.	104-105 "
Yung Sun Washing Co.	210 "
"	210 "
"	210 "
"	210 "
"	210 "

Licensed Dairies.

Dairy.	Situation.
EASTERN DISTRICT.	
Riverside Farm	76 Yangtzepoo Road
Shanghai Dairy	71 Ward Road.
Shanghai Dairy Farm	Thorburn Road.
Yung Shing Dairy	19 Kwenming Road
Yangtzepoo Dairy	1543 Tongshan Road
Harbin Dairy	Harbin Road
Yung Shing	East Kashing Road
Noble	Hanbury Road Stables
NORTHERN DISTRICT.	
Home Farm	N. Szechuen Road
Paoshan Dairy	Paoshan
Hongkew Dairy	N. Szechuen Road
Tong Shu Fong	N. Honan Road.
Mo Hung Shing	N. Szechuen Road
Shing Kee	N. Honan Road
Tong Kee	N. Szechuen Road
Pau Chee	N. Honan Road
Shing Chee	N. Honan Road
Family Farm	Range Road
WESTERN DISTRICT.	
The Farm	Siccawei Road.
Crawford's Farm	Bubbling Well Road
St. George's Farm	Route d'Ommer
Swiss Farm	French Creek
Culty's Dairy	460 Ave. Paul Brunat.
Tai Woo	Bubbling Well Road
Lenke's (Private)	"
Dairy	601 Burkill Road.
Hung Fei's Dairy	1128 Gordon Road.
Tuen Sung	756 Avenue Road.
Lee Butler	1401
Gordon Rd. Dairy Co.	1 Yu Yuen Road
Fui Chong	Markham Road.
Fok Kvi	Medhurst Road.
Top Shing	
Lee Shing	
Fok Kvi	

Report of Captain-Superintendent of Police for September.

Strength of the Force on Sept. 30, 1908.

Officers	8
Foreigners	207
Indians	499
Chinese	922
Total	1,636

Now that the winter season is approaching with its early darkness and long nights, a warning against burglars may not be out of place.

The situation of many houses in the Settlement, surrounded as they are, by thickly-hedged gardens, practically cutting off the house from all observation from the public road, is, from the burglars' point of view, an ideal one. There are miles of roads where these conditions exist.

Another difficulty which those who watch have to contend with is the unguarded manner in which windows and even doors, both upstairs and down, are left open until a late hour by servants. It is quite possible for a

thief to enter while the family are at a meal, to pass to an upper storey and there to conceal himself, trusting to chance to enable him to break out again, by climbing down a verandah pillar.

It may be news to some residents to know how methodical and calculating some professional Chinese thieves are. As an instance, the following fact may be related:—

After a burglary committed not long ago in the Settlement, a thief was arrested by the police close to the scene of the robbery, with the goods in his possession. Entrance to this particular house had been effected by scaling a high wall into the garden, then climbing a bamboo pole and a sunshade, afterwards forcing an upper window. The thief had tied the doors of the servants' quarters, but was disturbed in the act of breaking open a box. When seen by an amah he was leaving the house. He had a number of prepared sticks which he lit and placed in the ground to show him the way out again. The sticks, when lit, giving a faint red glow. The man was a professional thief though he had not been charged in this Settlement before, but bore the marks of having been bamboozed on several previous occasions. These marks he said he had received for assaults at Soochow.

From the householders' point of view, apart from Police protection, the possession of fire-arms, and a dog loose in the house are the best safeguards against burglary.

(2.) A determined effort is about to be made this winter to keep down the influx of beggars into the Settlement. Special plain clothes constables and others will be detailed for the work.

The main source of supply is from the beggar boats in the Soochow Creek where hundreds of able-bodied creatures, half-thieves, half-beggars, pass the winter.

The Soochow Creek is only partially under the control of the Police, and the northern bank beyond the Sinza Stone Bridge is beyond the limits of Municipal control. Anyone wishing to acquaint himself with the serious matter of this otherwise small problem should take a walk into Li Hongkew immediately across the border near Harbin Road Police Station, where he will see for himself the difficulties of control that have to be faced.

It was ascertained last winter that a Chinese charitable institution for feeding so-called beggars has existed for some years in the Yunnan Road.

To this alms house some hundreds of filthy but by no means ill-fed men, women and children flocked from the French Settlement and Native City daily.

Many again were able-bodied, sturdy rascals who could well do honest work, but preferred to accept the indiscriminate charity of this well-meaning but misguided Chinese institution. Steps are being taken to close this portion of the alms house during the coming winter.

Should any tender-hearted inhabitant of the Settlement feel disposed to open his purse to what is apparently a deserving case and give alms to a beggar, if he will take the trouble to read the following few lines, which are absolute fact, perhaps he will refrain:—

One morning about a fortnight ago a resident in the Bubbling Well district being much annoyed at the persistent wailing of two beggars in the vicinity of his house went out to drive them away. One of the pair was a white-haired old man, wizened and bent and apparently blind, hobbling painfully along with the aid of a stick and groaning in his distress. He was guided by the other, a much younger man, but sore-smitten and in rags, with a club foot and a deformed knee and shoulder. He carried in his hand a tin can in which he rattled a few cash and every few moments gave vent to his discordant supplication for alms. On the approach of the foreigner these antics ceased and a threatening gesture by the latter had the effect of converting a limping deformity into an agile man in precipitate flight. No vestige of infirmity remained and this naturally led to suspicions of the bona fides of the old man.

Reluctantly he submitted to investigation, and no wonder, for with a sharp upward tug at his flowing locks an entire false scalp came away revealing the somewhat abashed countenance of a well-fed young man of some twenty-five years of age, who incontinently took to his heels at a smart pace down the road.

(3.) The increase of European undesirables, both male and female, many of whom are embryo criminals, is but a natural sign of the growth of Shanghai.

Among the minor offenders, a female at present in the Settlement, should be guarded against. The *modus operandi* employed by this woman with marked success is as old as the hills, and consists of taking round a subscription list which she says she has been sent with by some lady or gentleman known to those from whom she begs to request money for the establishment of some new trade or calling by which the applicant can earn a living. In this manner considerable sums have been collected, and what is worse, suspicion is well founded that petty thieving is part of the woman's plan. Needless to add the new trade or calling on behalf of which she begs never materialises.

If, instead of complying with such demands as these, would-be donors of charity would first communicate with the Captain-Superintendent of Police as to the bona-fides of such a case, much trouble would be avoided.

Here follow tables of persons coming under the notice of the Police for criminal and other offences, punishments inflicted, prisoners in custody, vehicle licenses suspended and confiscated, dogs captured, etc., value of property stolen and recovered, and warrants and summonses.

C. D. BRUCE.

Captain-Superintendent of Police.

Return of Persons coming under notice of Police for Criminal and other Offences.				Prisoners in Custody on September 30, 1908.	
Offences.	Foreigners	Natives	Total		
(a) OFFENCES AGAINST THE PERSON :—				Central Station	103
Manslaughter		1	1	Louza Station	91
Attempted suicide	2	2	4	Hongkew Station	99
Cutting and wounding		5	5	West Hongkew Station	49
Assault	4	89	93	Harbin Road Sub-Station	9
Kidnapping		16	16	Wayside Station	25
Cruelty to or trafficking in women or children		8	8	Gaol	749
Contempt of Court		2	2	Yangtszepoo Station	21
Exposing obscene picture to defame character		1	1	Sinza Station	52
Perjury		1	1	Bubbling Well Station	31
Neglecting to maintain wife	1		1		
Running away from parental control	2		2	Total	1,229
(b) OFFENCES AGAINST RIGHTS OF PROPERTY :—				Vehicle Licenses.	
Robbery		2	2		
Embezzlement		6	6	Suspended	Confiscated
Extortion	1	21	22		
Burglary		37	37	Ricscha	833
Housebreaking		6	6	Wheelbarrow	—
Obtaining goods or money by false pretences		19	19	Handcart	—
Fraud	1	9	10	Total	833
Receiving stolen property		9	9		1,929
Unlawful possession		39	39		1
Forging a trade-mark		1	1		2
Uttering counterfeit coins and notes		3	3		
Arson		1	1		
Malicious injury		2	2		
Larceny	2	347	349		
Civil Offences :—Debt		26	26		
Breach of contract		13	13		
Others		19	19		
(c) ACTS INJURIOUS TO THE PUBLIC :—				Value of Property Stolen between August 29 and September 25, 1908.	
Common nuisances		1,768	1,768		Dollars
Vagrancy	5	78	83	Stolen	32,702.75
Returning after expulsion		19	19	Recovered	15,821.25
Disorderly and improper conduct	11	279	290		
Soliciting prostitution	9	50	59		
Depositing garbage		104	104		
Traffic :—Furious driving		16	16		
Obstruction		2,037	2,037		
Arms, unlawfully carrying		4	4		
Fire-arms, unlawful discharging and wounding) a native	1		1		
Public gambling		34	34		
Illegal arrest or detention		1	1		
Insanitary premises		13	13		
Exposing unsound fruit for sale		2	2		
Storing kerosene oil or straw in excessive quantity		6	6		
Cruelty to animals		5	5		
Publishing indecent documents		1	1		
Recklessly driving tramcars		2	2		
Miscellaneous	4	49	53		
Evading license :—Dog	2	2	4		
Carriage		2	2		
Breach of license conditions :—Wine shop		1	1		
Dog	9		9		
Dairy		7	7		
Opium shop		5	5		
Teashop		3	3		
(d) NOT CHARGED :—					
Beggars, Hawkers, Ragpickers		2346	2346		
Others	27	345	372		
Total	81	7,864	7,945		
Return of Sentences.				Warrants and Summonses.	
Sentence.	Foreigners	Natives	Total		
Imprisonment	11	414	425		
Cangue		7	7		
Expulsion or deportation	2	9	11		
Fined	11	326	337		
Imprisonment and cangue		1	1		
" " expulsion	1	119	119		
" " fined		6	7		
Cangue and expulsion		1	1		
Bail forfeited		3,927	3,927		
Remanded	4	7	11		
Cautioned	11	22	33		
Dismissed	7	88	95		
Released on Security		99	99		
Left to Court		52	52		
Handed to parents or guardians	1	11	12		
Sent to Reformatory		1	1		
" Slave Girls' Refuge		1	1		
" Sinza Refuge		55	55		
" Door of Hope		4	4		
" Native Authorities		20	20		
Charge withdrawn		1	1		
Sent on board ship for punishment	5		5		
Sent to Vladivostock Court	1		1		
Sent to French Police		2	2		
Total	54	5,173	5,227		
				Dogs.	
				At Kennels Aug. 31, 08	12
				Captured	237
				Returned	19
				Killed	249
				Remaining at Kennels	28

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1908.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1930.

PUBLIC SCHOOL.

EVENING CLASSES.

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9. Botany.
10. Chemistry.
11. Needlework.
12. Building Construction and Drawing.
13. Freehand and Model Drawing.
14. Hygiene.
15. First Aid.
16. Home Nursing.

The Syllabus and all other information may be obtained on application to the Headmaster at the School, Chapoo Road.

Intending students are requested to send in their names before October 31.

A fee of \$5 per mensem for one subject, and \$3 per mensem for each additional subject, will be charged.

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, October 20, 1908.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, October 14, 1908, at 4.30 p.m., there are present:

- Messrs. D. Landale (*Chairman*)
A. W. Burkill
H. A. J. Macray
J. H. McMichael
O. Menzer
W. A. C. Platt
J. Prentice
The Secretary and
Assistant Secretary.

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Volunteers.

Staff.—A telegram from the London Agents announces the appointment by the Army Council of Major A. A. S. Barnes, Wiltshire Regiment, to the post of Commandant. He will leave London for Shanghai via America on October 17.

Major Barnes has served continuously in the British Army for twenty-two years, during the whole of which time he has been employed in actual regimental work, except for one year when he was appointed Transvaal Government Emigration Agent at Cheloo. Of these twenty-two years nine were spent in India, eight in North China, and five at home, while of the eight in China seven were with the Chinese Regiment at Weihaiwei. He was one of the officers sent out originally to assist in raising that Corps in 1899, and accompanied it through the whole of the North China campaign in 1900. From his services in India and China he is well acquainted with the languages and peoples of both countries.

Policing beyond Limits.

A letter from the Senior Consul forwards a further communication from the Taotai on the subject of the incident in the North Soochow Road in May last. The whole of the facts having already been communicated, the Council considers that no further action is called for.

Mixed Court.

House of Detention.—The following list of male prisoners detained, with added note as to two inmates of the Female Cells, is ordered to be transmitted for the information of the Consular Body, and to be published:—

POLICE LIST.

Male prisoners detained on the third floor:

Cases before the British Assessor.

No. 2596 D.—Ong Lai-sung (洪來臣) from Central Station, February 9, 1907. Before Mr. Schirmer. On a warrant for embezzlement. Remanded for the British Assessor. Heard about a month later before Mr. Barton in the Mixed Court during an afternoon session. No judgment given. This case has not been heard since.

No. 2649 D.—Zai-Eur-sai (邵厚村) from Central Station, February 11, 1907. Before Mr. Barton on a warrant for embezzlement. Left to Court. Released on security on April 20, 1907. Again detained on July 17, 1907.

No. 3587 D.—Yih Er-sung (錢厚生) from Louza Station, March 7, 1907. Before Dr. Barchet. On a warrant for embezzlement. Left to Court for British Assessor. Before the British Assessor on the following day. Left to Court. British civil case. Defendant says he has been ordered by Court to settle with complainants Messrs. Evans & Co. He is unable to do so.

No. 8358 D.—Kuan Sau-noen (管少南) from Louza Station, June 21, 1907. Before Mr. Barton. On a warrant for debt. Left to Court. Heard before Native Court on several occasions. Last hearing July 19, 1907. Complainant stated that the accused had mortgaged certain shares for Tls. 12,000 and absconded with the money. Defendant stated he only acted as middleman. Defendant states that he has petitioned the Magistrate to be released on security several times without result.

No. 8623 D.—Kah Da-ching (高瞻春) from Louza Station, June 26, 1907. Before Mr. Barton. On a summons for debt. Heard in Native Court, June 29, 1907. Defendant was ordered to be released on security. He says that he procured a security, but the runners refused to forward the bond to the Magistrate.

No. 3060 E.—Lee Tse-zie (李子善) from Sinza Station, September 16, 1907. Before Mr. Pearson. On a summons for breach of contract re antimony. Left to Court. After numerous hearings, referred to Peking. Without again coming before the Court defendant was released on September 23, 1908. The Mixed Court secretary says that defendant was fined Tls. 200, which amount has been sent to the Anhui Famine Fund, and released on security.

This has been done evidently without the knowledge of the Assessor, and certainly not in open Court. The Mixed Court secretary refused to show the records, showing this judgment on the security bond.

No. 7592 E.—Kee Chee-seng (甘季昌) from Central Station, December 9, 1907. Before Mr. Pearson. On a warrant for debt. Left to Court. The case was last heard before the Native Court on January 20, 1908, and defendant was ordered to settle within a fortnight.

No. 9565 E.—Koo Kung-chi (顧根記) from Louza Station, January 17, 1908. Before Mr. Barton. On a summons for debt. Complainants Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. Left to Court. Released on security. Again detained on July 8, 1908. Defendant states that when he was released on security he had to pay \$40 to runner Zee the money was paid to the runner through a broker named Wong Tse-sai in the employ of Mr. Fleming.

No. 2107 F.—Tsu Chee ding (朱第庭) from Louza Station, March 3, 1908. Before Mr. Barton. On a summons for debt. Complainants Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. Defendant states that he is the security man for three others. These three men are now in custody.

No. 6460 F.—Nee Shih-tung (嚴錫卿) from Central Station, July 16, 1908. Before Mr. Coates. On a summons for debt. Left to Court. Heard before the Native Court on August 12, 1908, ordered to return the money to complainant within a month.

No. 1435 G.—Loh Ching-tse (陸錦川) from Central Station, September 4, 1908. Before Mr. Barton. On a warrant for failing to appear on a summons for debt. Left to Court. Heard before the Native Court on September 5, 1908. Ordered to pay the complainant half the debt within six months.

Sung Ong-yang (孫鴻祥). On a summons served in the City by runners for breach of contract. Appeared before Mr. Butler on July 17, 1908. Left to Court. Complainants Messrs. Harvie & Cooke.

No. 1885 F.—Wong An-ching (王杏卿) from Louza Station, March 9, 1908. Before Mr. Barton. On a summons for breach of contract. Left to Court.

Heard before Mr. Barton on May 20 and 21, 1908.

Wong Zung-tse (黃鑛之). There is no record of this case in the Police returns.

Defendant states: I was detained in the Mixed Court in July, 1900. I was released about a year later; and I was arrested on a warrant at Szechow for being security man for one Yue Sing-foo in a debt case. I have been detained since September 16, 1906.

The case was brought before the Native Court about eighteen months ago, and settled. I cannot remember the day of month.

Cases before the American Assessor.

No. 475 D. Tsang Koh-jie (張谷也) from Louza Station, December 8, 1906. Before Dr. Barchet. On a summons to appear in Court to produce account books in connexion with a civil case. Heard in the Native Court on December 19, 1906. Released on security in March 1908. Detained again June 21, 1908.

Before the Native Court again on October 1, 1908. Ordered to be detained in custody, pending permission from the Taotai—if the defendant can be released on security: the amount claimed is \$9,600.

No. 8571 E. Koo Chih-sung (顧錫生) from Central Station, December 31, 1907. Before Dr. Barchet.—On a warrant for breach of contract. Left to Court. Defendant states he has sent in petitions to the Magistrate but has received no reply.

No. 5426 F. Yan Tse wan (姚芝惠) from Central Station, May 14, 1908. Before Mr. Butler. On a summons for debt. Left to Court. Tried in the Native Court on May 20, 1908.

Defendant ordered to pay complainant Wong Sah-yang \$1,000.

Cases before the German Assessor.

No. 4256 F. Yue Yen-sai (俞友山) from Sinza Station, April 25, 1908. Before Mr. Pernitzsch. On a summons for debt. Left to Court. Released on security, again detained on August 17, 1908.

Cases before the Japanese Assessor.

No. 8754 E.—Yih Chih-to (嚴吉市) from West Hongkew Station, January 2, 1908. Before Dr. Barchet. On a warrant for breach of contract. Left to Court for Japanese Assessor. Tried before the Japanese Assessor on February 6, 1908. Ordered to be released on security.

No. 205 G.—Zia Ching-tung (謝錦春) from Hongkew Station, August 12, 1908. Before Mr. Coates. On a warrant for fraud in connexion with title-deeds, and for escaping from custody at Chekiang. Left to Court for Japanese Assessor.

No. 7184 E.—Tsang Zung-ching (張貴卿) from Central Station, December 2, 1907. Before Mr. Pearson. On a summons for breach of contract. Left to Court.

Yang Tsong-chen (楊倉舟) guarantor in above case, detained on same date. There has been no hearing of this case.

No. 2925 C.—Wong Sau-ching (王少卿) from Central Station, October 1, 1908. Before Mr. Butler. On a warrant for fraud. Left to Court. Japanese civil case.

M. O. SPRINGFIELD.

2nd Assistant Superintendent.

Forwarded

C. D. BRUCE.

Captain-Superintendent.

ADDITIONAL REPORT.

Female prisoners irregularly detained:—

No. 936 F.—Yuen Sze-sz (袁施氏) was brought to Court on February 18, 1908 from Hongkew Station. Charged with being concerned with others in trafficking in women and children, on various dates during 1907. Brought before Dr. Barchet Remanded February 18, 1908. Brought before Dr. Schirmer. Remanded March 7, 1908.

Brought before Dr. Schirmer, March 28, 1908 and sentenced to six months' imprisonment from date of arrest. She was arrested on February 17, 1908 and should have been released on August 16, 1908. Still in custody.

No. 4135 F.—Hui Koo-sze (許顯氏) from Central Station, April 21, 1908, charged with stealing jewellery value \$200 from No. 562 Nanking Road on April 16, 1908. Brought before Mr. Butler. Remanded April 21, 1908. Brought before Mr. Butler. Remanded May 5, 1908, for the appearance of her husband who, it is to be noted, cannot be found.

M. O. SPRINGFIELD.

2nd Assistant Superintendent.

Forwarded.

C. D. BRUCE.

Captain-Superintendent.

Road Extensions and Widening.

Tatung Road.—The following correspondence contains the terms upon which the strip of Cadastral Lot 1123, scheduled for this road, and the surplus land on the east of the road, have been acquired by the Council:—

Shanghai, September 1, 1908.

DEAR SIR.—In continuation of my letter of the 25th ultimo I have now been directed by the beneficial owner of B.C. Lot 5123 to inform you that he is prepared to surrender that portion of the lot required for the above road extension and measuring Mow 0.130 at the rate of Tls. 6,000 per mow plus 10 per cent for compulsory surrender, viz., Mow 0.130 at Tls. 6,000 per mow—Tls. 780 plus 10 per cent for compulsory surrender Tls. 78—Total Tls. 858.

I am, however, directed to state that he does not admit betterment for the reasons stated in my last letter, viz., that a portion of the lot will remain on the east side of the road which is so small that it cannot be conveniently used for building purposes and that the remainder of the lot is used and will be used as a stone yard and the present facilities for access are sufficient.

Yours faithfully,

A. E. ALGAR.

C. MAYNE, Esq.,

Municipal Engineer.

Council Room.

Shanghai, September 29, 1908.

SIR.—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of September 1, addressed to the Municipal Engineer, and, in reply thereto, to state that the Council is of opinion that the increase in value of the western portion of Cadastral lot 1123 which is derived from the construction of Road Extension No. 15W (Tatung Road) is unquestionable, inasmuch as access to the lot is at present by water only.

With regard to the eastern portion, the area remaining is indeed so small as to be almost useless for building purposes.

With this in view, I am directed to state that the Council is prepared to

purchase the whole of the road-land, together with the severed eastern portion of the lot, a total area of Mow 0.171, at the fair market value recently placed thereon by yourself in collaboration with Mr. Scott, viz., Tls. 4,500 per mow, plus 10 per cent, provided you will agree to a reduction of one-half for betterment in respect to Mow 0.13, the area included in the road.

I am to mention that the strips of Cadastral lots 947 and 966 required for this extension have already been surrendered without compensation.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. E. LEVESON,

Secretary.

A. E. ALGAR, Esq.

Shanghai, October 5, 1908.

DEAR SIR,—I beg to acknowledge receipt of your favour of the 29th ultimo and am now directed by the beneficial owner to inform you that he cannot accept the Council's offer as contained in your letter.

He is, however, prepared to modify his previous claim and will now surrender the area required, viz., Mow 0.130 at the rate of Tls. 5,000 per mow plus 10 per cent for compulsory surrender less one-third for betterment. He has, however, decided to retain the area remaining on the east side of the road. His claim now is as follows:

Mow 0.130 at Tls. 5,000 per mow
—Tls. 650 plus 10 per cent for compulsory surrender Tls. 65—Tls. 715.
less one-third for betterment Tls. 238.33
—Tls. 476.67.

Yours faithfully,

A. E. ALGAR.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,

Secretary, Municipal Council.

Council Room,

Shanghai, October 8, 1908.

SIR,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of October 5 in further reference to the portion of Cadastral lot 1123 required for the construction of the Tatung Road.

In reply thereto, I am to state that, noting that the owner is not prepared to sell the small area of land east of the projected road, the Council is of opinion that the rate of compensation should be not more than Tls. 4,500 per mow and the deduction for betterment not less than two-thirds.

Were the lot severed into two portions of approximately equal area it would be held that no compensation is payable, as in the case of other neighbouring properties, but in the present instance the Council is prepared to pay upon the basis I have mentioned with 10 per cent added for compulsory surrender. Should this counter-proposal not prove acceptable to the concerned, the matter will be referred to the Land Commission for settlement.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. E. LEVESON,

Secretary.

A. E. ALGAR, Esq.

Shanghai, October 12, 1908.

DEAR SIR,—I beg to acknowledge receipt of your favour of the 8th instant and am now directed by the beneficial owner of B.C. Lot 5123 to inform you that he accepts the Council's proposal, as contained in your letter of the 29th ultimo, viz., that the Council purchase the whole of the road-land, together with the severed Eastern portion of the lot, a total area of Mow 0.171 at Tls 4,500 per mow plus 10 per cent for compulsory surrender, less one-half for betterment, in respect to Mow 0.130 the area included in the road. The claim, as agreed upon, is therefore as follows:

Mow 0.171 at Tls. 4,500
per mow..... Tls. 769.50
Plus 10% for compulsory
surrender 76.95
Tls. 846.45
Less one-half for betterment
in respect to Mow 0.130 Tls. 321.75
Tls. 524.70

I shall feel obliged, therefore, if you will have surrender deeds made out and forwarded me for signature.

The beneficial owner also wishes me to state that he will require one week's notice to remove the materials at present upon the site.

Yours faithfully,

A. E. ALGAR.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,

Secretary, Municipal Council.

House Assessment.

The minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee of October 9 are read and confirmed. In accordance with the announcement made on August 6, the Committee heard and considered appeals against the re-assessment of certain premises in their owners' occupation or under long leases at low rates, twenty-seven such appeals were received, and the Committee's decisions recorded and ordered for communication to the concerned. The new assessments will come into force on January 1, 1909, and the schedule will be revised and re-issued in due course.

Riesha Tickets.

From accounts furnished of the transactions of the Riesha Ticket Office to September 30, it appears that the recent arrangements for discounts, and repayment to the coolies at rates higher than face value, have resulted in the office being worked with neither loss or profit to the Public Funds, a situation which the members regard as satisfactory.

The meeting adjourns at 6.40 p.m.

Health Department.

Notification of Infectious Disease.

The following have been reported during the week ending Sunday October 18, 1908.	Death among Chinese population of 530,000	Cases notified among Non-Chinese population of 14,500.
Small pox.	0	0
Cholera.	0	0
Typhoid Fever	—	2
Diphtheria.	0	2
Scarlet Fever.	0	0
Taberculosis	18	0
Total Deaths from all Causes	134	6

ARTHUR STANLEY,

Health Officer.

Public Band.

The performances during next week will (weather permitting) be as follows:

Mon. Oct. 26.	5 p.m.	Public Garden
Tues. „ 27.	5 p.m.	Hongkew Recreation Ground
Wed. „ 28.	5 p.m.	Public Garden
Thurs. „ 29.	5 p.m.	Public Garden
Fri. „ 30.	5 p.m.	Hongkew Recreation Ground
Sat. „ 31.	4 30 p.m.	Public Recreation Ground.

Departmental Report of the Superintendent of Parks and Open Spaces to the Municipal Engineer for September.

Reserve Garden.—A series of geometrical flower-beds edged with brick edging have been laid out between the Soochow Creek and the hothouses, thus practically completing all the laying out that can be undertaken in the meantime. The houses are being repainted and otherwise prepared for the reception of winter flowering plants.

Public Garden.—As the summer flowering plants have gone out of flower they have been replaced by chrysanthemums. One of the arbours has been repaired.

Hongkew Park.—The building of a ladies' and children's lavatory being completed, a walk is in course of construction, and also a shrubbery to partially mask the building and the entrance thereto. Paths are also being made to the arbours so as to render them accessible during wet weather.

Nurseries.—Transplanting, seedling, bedding plants, weeding and stock-taking was the principal work herein.

Public Recreation Ground.—The shadehouses have been removed, and the general routine of lawn maintenance attended to.

Hongkew Recreation Ground.—The encroach on the areas set apart for other positions of temporary golf greens have been located. Permanent greens will not be laid down until the laying out of this Ground is completed, and the course has been played over a few times, thus ensuring that the greens are in the correct position from the golfer's point of view and at the same time do not

be set apart for other games. The sloping of the margins of the lake is now practically completed. Visitors during the month 9,776. Tennis courts daily average in use 5; Cricket pitches 1; Croquet lawn 1. Other sports—running practice and jumping indulged in almost daily. Cricket matches—3.

<i>Bedding plants planted.</i> —	
Public Garden	826
Victoria Nursing Home	460
Public School	86
Hongkew Recreation Ground	86
	1,458
D. MacGREGOR, Superintendent.	

Summary of General Municipal Rate, Foreign. June Quarter

	1908.		1907.		1906.	
	No. of Houses.	Rental Assessment.	No. of Houses.	Rental Assessment.	No. of Houses.	Rental Assessment.
		Tls.		Tls.		Tls.
Central District.....	577	1,858,680	549	1,603,933	554	1,429,267
Northern do.	1043	801,671	998	752,533	970	689,153
Eastern do.	557	750,044	545	673,554	487	584,314
Western do.	687	873,848	533	692,728	509	641,560
Outside Settlement Limits	266	190,427	183	120,887	112	79,692
Total	3,130	4,474,670	2,808	3,843,635	2,632	3,423,986
Occupied by Foreigners	2,391	3,352,243	2,296	3,052,937	2,174	2,740,462
do. Natives	346	617,802	327	572,253	309	530,260
do. do.	17	...	14	...	10	...
Unoccupied	376	504,625	171	218,445	139	153,264
Total	3,130	4,474,670	2,808	3,843,635	2,632	3,423,986
Tax Collected		Tls.		Tls.		Tls.
Central District @ 12%		49,109		37,488		34,571
Northern do. do.		21,323		17,345		16,242
Eastern do. do.		19,422		15,562		13,202
Western do. do.		21,580		15,781		15,036
Outside Settlement Limits @ 6%		2,477		1,418		798
Total		113,911		87,594		79,849

A. JOHNSFORD,
Overseer of Taxes.

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By order,

W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai. October 20, 1908.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1932.

THE Municipal offices will be closed to public business during the Race Days, viz: Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, November 2, 3 and 4.

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai. October 29, 1908.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, October 21, 1908, at 5 o'clock p.m., there are present:

Messrs. D. Landale (*Chairman*)

A. W. Burkill

W. D. Little

H. A. J. Macray

R. S. F. McBain

J. H. McMichael

O. Meuser

W. A. C. Platt

J. Prentice

The Secretary and
Assistant Secretary.

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Volunteers.

Headquarters and Drill Hall.—A letter from the Commandant is read, renewing his request for a separate drill hall for the Corps, and indicating the most desirable locality therefor. Reference is made to the minutes published on this subject on January 30 and February 27, and the matter is deferred for presentation to the Watch Committee's attention with the Budget proposals for 1909. In the meanwhile attention is drawn to the many pressing calls upon the public funds.

Police.

Ricsha Licenses.—With reference to a petition from ricsha owners, making complaint as to Police treatment of rishas failing to observe conditions 5, 7 and 8 of their licences, at the suggestion of the Captain-Superintendent, it is directed that, as a reply to this and similar recent communications, a native notice be issued upon the subject, alluding to the persistent disregard of these conditions; pointing out that

licences are suspended in accordance with a carefully considered schedule; and further stating that, in the public interest, all breaches of the conditions will be treated as heretofore with unremitting strictness.

Translation of Native Notice dated

October 24, 1908.

This is to notify and remind the public, ricscha owners and ricscha coolies that it has been found, especially of late, that certain obstinate owners are disregarding the conditions of their licenses. In the public interest the ricschas are then seized by the Police, and dealt with according to methods fixed with special care, and put into practice, with due consideration.

The owners thereupon present long petitions in complaint wherein they represent themselves as poverty-stricken people, and the ricscha coolies either as sufferers, or as persons who may become turbulent owing to rigorous treatment.

Yet these ricscha owners are aware that their own gains are large, and that they themselves are prosperous; and that any respect in which the coolies suffer or are discontented, arise not from Police efforts on behalf of the public safety, but from the many interruptions which owners force upon the coolies by making use of them in order to obtain large returns through an ill-kept and dangerous stock-in-trade; or from the difficulties in which they place these ignorant people by letting rishas to them when physically unfit.

The terms of the conditions in question are equitable, and of importance for the protection of the public. They will therefore, for the future, be strictly enforced, and if trouble or difficulties occur, the owners will be responsible, and will be dealt with accordingly.

This notice is therefore issued for their information, and all should take note that strict compliance with these conditions will invariably be exacted, and that idle attempts or abuses practised in order to evade them will remain without result.

It will be well also if the native public will endeavour to co-operate with the Police by drawing attention to cases of non-compliance.

The conditions in question are as follows :—

5.—That the ricscha be strongly built on the approved pattern, according to the standard ricscha kept for the purpose at the Central Police Station, and that they be kept clean and in good repair and be provided with a waterproof apron.

7.—That the ricscha coolie be strong, healthy and provided with uniform, which must be worn at all times when plying for hire, and must be kept clean and in good condition.

8.—That no old, dirty or opium-smoking coolies, or young boys be allowed to pull the ricschas.

Japanese Yarn Lottery.

With reference to certain information furnished by a Ratepayer, including specimens of lottery tickets sold with the bales of yarn, a letter has been addressed to the Japanese Consul-General inquiring whether these operations have his sanction, and otherwise desiring an expression of his opinion on the subject. The members are unanimous in the view that this mode of competition is prejudicial to legitimate trade, and that every effort should be made to suppress the lottery either by the prosecution of the concerned or otherwise. The matter will have the Watch Committee's attention upon receipt of Mr. Eitaki's reply:—

Council Room,

Shanghai, October 20, 1908.

SIR,—I have the honour to inform you that, from information in the Council's possession, it is evident that the lottery in connexion with the sale of Japanese cotton yarn, to which public attention was drawn in March last, is now in operation.

The Council has given public notice that the concealment of lottery tickets in bales of yarn constitutes an infraction of the prohibition rule against lotteries in the Settlement, and before undertaking the Police prosecution of the

concerned, I have the honour to inquire whether you are aware of the operations, and what view you take as to their desirability or the reverse.

It is at all times the Council's endeavour where possible to obviate preferential treatment of any class of residents in the Settlement, and the suppressive measures which have been applied to native lotteries during recent years would fail in their object were a lottery of the present character allowed to function with impunity.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

DAVID LANDALE,

Chairman.

H. EITAKI, Esq.,

Consul-General for Japan.

Shanghai, October 22, 1908.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 20th instant, making the inquiry respecting the coupon in connexion with the sale of Japanese Cotton Yarn.

I beg to inform you that the coupons to which you refer are given away and are not sold, I am therefore unable to see any objection to this method of doing business. Art. XXXIV of the By-laws of the Municipal Regulations, refers to the sale of lottery tickets or chances in lotteries.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

H. EITAKI,

Consul-General for Japan.

D. LANDALE, Esq.,

Chairman, Municipal Council.

Mixed Court.

Native Inquests.—A translated extract from the native Press is submitted, containing the text of a letter from the Taotai on the subject of native inquests; therefrom it is inferred that these formal inquiries will be held in the future without exception.

Translation of letter from the Taotai to the Senior Consul.

The Taotai has to acknowledge receipt of the Senior Consul's letter of September 23, stating "that in foreign countries when persons die through accident or suicide, and there is difficulty

in distinguishing the cause of death, or where the Police suspect that a murder has been committed, a special official is deputed to hold an inquest; and that a letter has now been received from the Municipal Council expressing its confidence that the members of the Consular Body will concur in the view that procedure of this kind should be observed inside the Settlement in respect to Chinese cases; the Consular Body and the Taotai each deputing an official for the purpose; the two officials thus deputed, to have the right to call all witnesses concerned and in cases of importance their examination to be ordered; etc."

It is added further that the Consular Body has now directed that this procedure be proposed for the Taotai's consideration.

The Taotai finds that according to standing procedure, cases in which life is involved pertain to a territorial and substantive official; and that such cases, in the Settlement at Shanghai, are examined by the Shanghai Magistrate. This procedure has been observed throughout, and without exception.

In the letter under reply, the proposal that the examination should be carried out jointly by officials deputed by the Taotai and the Consular Body, is in disagreement with standing rules. Since, however, the Senior Consul has brought the matter into discussion, it may be suggested to amend this procedure so that hereafter in Chinese cases in the Settlement where death is involved if the Chinese is a servant or other employé of a foreigner, it may, by way of compromise, be permitted that an official be deputed by both sides, and the services of a doctor obtained, to proceed to the spot and carry out a joint investigation. If, however, no foreigner is concerned in the case, its examination must as usual revert to the District Magistrate, and the Municipal Council may not interfere; thus preserving distinctly the limitations of authority and observing standing rules. The Taotai has thus to reply to the Senior Consul's letter and to request him kindly to take note, informing the parties concerned accordingly.

House of Detention.—The reply of the American Consular Assessor to the Council's letter on the subject of certain inmates of this building whose detention has resulted from hearings before an American Assessor, is read and ordered for publication.

Council Room,

Shanghai, October 14, 1908.

SIR,—I am directed to draw your attention to three cases in which natives are detained on the third floor of the Mixed Court House of Detention, and to request your co-operation in obtaining their settlement.

1.—Chang Ko-yeh (張各也), December 18, 1906: summoned to produce account books in connexion with a civil case; left to Court by Dr. Barchet. Heard in the native Court on the following day. Released on security in March 1908 and again detained on June 21, 1908. Heard again in the native Court on October 1, 1908, and ordered to be detained pending the Tao-tai's permission for release on security.

2.—Ku Hsi-sheng (顧錫生), December 31, 1907: breach of contract; left to Court by Dr. Barchet. He has petitioned the Magistrate without reply.

3.—Yao Chih-wan (姚芝憲), May 14, 1908; debt; left to Court by yourself; tried in the native Court six days later; the defendant was ordered to pay \$1,000 to the complainant.

In the first case a clear decision is necessary as to whether the prisoner is a recalcitrant witness, or a defaulting debtor, and in either event a definite punishment might be urged, while the proposed reference to the Tao-tai appears uncalled for and savours of a pretext further to postpone definite treatment of the matter; in the second no hearing in the native Court appears to have taken place and should be brought about as soon as may be possible; and the third, though not of an unusual character, possesses the unfortunate feature common to both the others, that the concerned has been held in custody in the vague expectation of his being able to satisfy demands made upon him.

If these prisoners are really unable to satisfy their obligations it would be more satisfactory if some limit could be set to their detention and the Council is confident that your influence will be exerted in obtaining settlement as early as possible, with a view to regularity of procedure, and on grounds of humanity.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. E. LEVESON,
*Secretary.*C. HAMILTON BUTLER, Esq.,
American Consular Assessor,
Mixed Court.

Shanghai, October 19, 1908.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th instant, calling my attention to the undue detention in the Mixed Court cells of three Chinese, parties to civil actions in the Chinese court, and to inform you that I shall take the matter of their release up at the earliest opportunity, and do what I can to obtain justice for them. I trust, however, that the Council understands that in interfering in the cases of these men I can act only as a mediator, and that I have no legal right to demand that the Magistrate shall accept my suggestions in the matter. It is a pity that such unjust and mediaeval course as is exemplified in these and similar cases of indefinite and undue detention in the Mixed Court cells should be allowed to be taken by any Magistrate in this Foreign Settlement, and I sincerely hope that some means may be devised at an early date to do away with it forever. Until the power of the Magistrate to throw men and women into the cells for indefinite periods is abrogated by the authorities which established the Mixed Court, the matter will have to be approached by the assessors with caution; but I am of opinion that the letter and the spirit of the treaties secure to the foreign community in the Settlement the right to protest vigorously against such injustice and inhumanity, as is displayed in these cases, being committed in its midst.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

HAMILTON BUTLER,
*American Assessor.*W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,
Secretary, Municipal Council.

Female Cells.—From the Police returns of October 19, it is noted that the inquiries as to an accusation of extortion against a wardress, made in the native Press during July last, have resulted in her conviction and sentence to two months' imprisonment and dismissal.

Ying Hsiang Kong.

The Council is informed that certain residents in this village have protested against the levy of General Municipal Rate on such of the houses as are inside the Settlement. Further Police

inquiries are directed as to the instigators of this refusal, and, in the meanwhile, in reply to a petition from representatives of the concerned, it is decided to state that the small sum demanded must be regularly paid in recognition of the Police protection and other advantages which residence within the Settlement entails.

Public Swimming Bath.

At the suggestion of the Health Officer it is decided that the Bath be closed for the winter from November 8.

Road Extensions and Widenings.

The native documents of title to, and plans showing the area of, the unregistered land required for the construction of the following new roads in the Eastern District have been lodged in the Chinese Land Office, through the medium of the Senior Consul, in the usual manner:—

- (a) Extension No. 5 (Urga Road) Mow 4.662 at a cost of Tls. 699.30.
- (b) Extension No. 7 (Tungchow Road) Mow 5.869 at a cost of Tls. 970.35.
- (c) Extension No. 30 (Hailar Road) Mow 8.7 at a cost of Tls. 1,488.50.
- (d) Extension No. 31 (Yochow Road) Mow 10.939 at a cost of Tls. 751.25.
- (e) Extension No. 32 (East Yalu Road) Mow 24.692 at a cost of Tls. 2,559.50.

New Buildings.

Shanghai Club.—By special arrangement with Messrs. Tarrant and Morriss a small give-and-take adjustment of the frontage line of this building has been approved. The erection of a hoarding is sanctioned upon the condition that eight feet of the footway remain available for pedestrian traffic and that one-half of the sum received by the Club for advertisements, be paid for the privilege granted.

Water Supply.

The following correspondence, relating to the supply to native houses of low rentals, is ordered for publication:—

Shanghai, August 27, 1908.

DEAR SIR,—We have to refer you to the advertisement in this morning's "North-China Daily News" inserted by the Shanghai Waterworks Co., Ltd., giving notice they will not supply water to any native house unless the rental is at least \$10 a month.

We have written to the Waterworks Co. on this subject, and now enclose copy of our letter and their reply. We fail to see under what clause of their agreement with the Council they have the power to refuse to supply water to any house.

Clause 4 of the Agreement made on July 1, 1905, between the Council and the Waterworks says—

"The Company shall provide and deliver except when it shall be prevented by unavoidable causes both by night and day a constant and effective supply of pure and wholesome water for Municipal purposes and to every person residing in the Settlement or in districts in which roads or lands under the control of the Council shall be opened and mains or pipes laid who shall require and shall pay for the same and who shall comply with the reasonable regulations of the Company."

Paragraph 4, Clause 5, lays down the charge for water, 5 per cent on actual rental, and not on any minimum rental fixed by the Waterworks Co.

Will you kindly inform us if the Notification we have drawn your attention to was issued with the sanction of the Council. If not, we think the Waterworks Co. should withdraw this notification, as it is contrary to the agreement of July 1, 1905.

We are, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

THE ANGLO-FRENCH LAND INVESTMENT CO., LD.,

A. R. BURKILL & SONS,
Agents.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,
Secretary, Municipal Council.

Shanghai, August 20, 1908.

DEAR SIR,—We understand from our Architects, Messrs. Davies & Thomas, that you refuse to fix taps and supply water to each of the new houses we are erecting in the Burkill Road, unless the rentals are \$10 a month.

Owing to the present depressed state of trade in Shanghai, these houses will probably only let for \$8 to \$9, but we hope in time to get the rental up to \$10 or more, especially when the Myburgh Road, which runs along the property, is made up. Under these circumstances we have to ask you whether you will agree to supply water to each house at a charge of 5 per cent on actual rental.

We are, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

THE ANGLO-FRENCH LAND INVESTMENT CO., LD.,

A. R. BURKILL & SONS,
Agents.

MESSRS. THE SHANGHAI WATERWORKS CO., LD.

Shanghai, August 26, 1908.

DEAR SIR,—Your letter of the 20th instant, asking the Company to supply water to each of the houses in your Burkill Road property, the rentals being under \$10 per month, was carefully considered by the Board at their meeting this afternoon, and I am directed to reply that, the Directors whilst desirous as far as possible to meet the wishes of consumers, regret they cannot make any exception in this case and accede to your request.

I am further instructed to hand you a copy of notification advertised in the "North-China Daily News" in Nov. 1906, stating the Company's reasons for not fixing individual taps in Chinese properties. I may mention that the Company's Legal Advisers confirm the opinion of the Directors in this matter, provided a constant and effective supply of water can be obtained from the wall hydrants.

It has been found by experience that, when taps are fixed to each house in a Chinese property, the only way of guarding the Company's interests is to check wastage by meter, and in some instances this is now being done.

I would suggest that you give this solution of the present difficulty your consideration, as its adoption will secure you against paying for more water than is actually consumed, and at the same time protect the Company against loss.

Yours faithfully,

ARTHUR P. WOOD,
Secretary and Engineer-in-chief,
Shanghai Waterworks Co., Ltd.

MESSRS. A. R. BURKILL & SONS,
Agents,

The Anglo-French Land Investment Co., Ltd.

Council Room,

Shanghai, September 17, 1908.

SIR.—I am directed to inform you that the Council's attention has been drawn to the terms of the notice issued by your Company in November 1906, and re-issued during the current month, as to water supplied to Chinese houses.

With the object which you have in view, the prevention of waste, the Council is in complete sympathy, and has information to the effect that some preventive measure is justified by the circumstances.

The Council would have been glad to have been consulted before the minimum of \$10 was fixed as the lowest rent for a native house which entitles its occupant to a separate water tap. Had this been done, and had the

minimum been approved by the Council, no question could now have arisen as to the Company's authority for its action. As matters at present stand that authority is questioned, inasmuch as no specific provision for the minimum is contained in the Company's Franchise Agreement.

The Council has called for and received legal and technical opinions on the point raised, and has decided to draw your attention to the fact that, assuming the reasonableness of the arrangement at the time it was made in 1906, the provisions of the notice fall hardly upon house-holders at present, owing to the falling tendency of native rentals, which has been a feature of the property market since the earlier date.

The number of empty houses in the Settlement is nearly four times as great as it was two years ago, a condition of affairs to which may be attributed the fact that landlords are now accepting lower rents than formerly for the same class of house. Thus a very much larger number of houses are excluded from the privilege of a separate water tap than when the restriction was first imposed.

With these considerations in view the Council ventures to hope that the Company may see its way, either to reduce the minimum, or, on application, to make concessions in recognition of the present depression in rentals.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

A. P. WOOD, Esq.,
Secretary and Engineer-in-chief,
Shanghai Waterworks Co., Ltd.

Shanghai, October 12, 1908.

SIR,—Your letter of the 17th ultimo, drawing attention to the notice issued in 1906 and re-issued during the current month, has been submitted to the Board.

In reply, I am instructed to thank the Council for its expression of sympathy with the object in view, namely the prevention of the serious and wilful waste that daily occurs, and which is greatly increased when a tap is provided in each house of a low rental.

With regard to the third paragraph of your letter, my Directors cannot but regret that the question was not raised when the notice of 1906 was issued without any reference to the Council. Furthermore although my Directors are—and will always be—glad to have the Council's advice on any regulation which from time to time may have to be made under the agreement of July 1 1905, it must be remembered that such agreement does not require the Company to consult the Council on any such regulation.

You admit that the arrangement of 1906 was not unreasonable. My Directors consider that the present one is not unreasonable.

The Board is most anxious to meet consumers as far as possible, but the question of wilful waste is a very serious one, and the regulation under discussion has been framed with a view to lessen this abuse to some extent. It is hardly necessary to point out that the Board would much prefer to supply all large blocks of native houses by meter, but for obvious reasons landlords are almost invariably opposed to the adoption of any such system.

The Company previous to the issue of the notice in 1906 took legal advice, and the opinion then given has recently been confirmed, that if a constant and efficient supply of water be provided by wall hydrants to such Chinese houses as are now referred to, its agreement with the Council would thereby be properly fulfilled.

The Company has the right to make "reasonable regulations" for the protection of its interests and the Directors very much regret that they do not see their way for the reasons above stated to reduce the minimum as detailed in the notification.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

ARTHUR P. WOOD.

Secretary & Engineer-in-chief,

Shanghai Waterworks Co., Ltd.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,

Secretary, Municipal Council.

Council Room,

Shanghai, October 15, 1908.

SIR,—I am in receipt of your letter of October 12, on the subject of the supply of water to Chinese houses of low rentals, and, in reply thereto, am directed to point out that therein is contained no reply to the Council's contention that the reasonableness of your Regulation of 1906 has been impaired by the fall in rentals since its issue.

The Council has learnt that the Regulation is not intended to do more than fix a minimum monthly payment of 50 cents for water supplied by tap to Chinese houses, and the members are of opinion that such a regulation would be reasonable. If this is the case, I am directed to request that the notice may be re-drawn in that sense, and without reference to the rentals of the premises affected.

Inasmuch as the ratepayers to whose initiative the Council's intervention in this question is due are desirous of an early reply to their letter dated August 27, I am to request that this matter may have the earliest possible attention.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. E. LEVESON,

Secretary.

A. P. WOOD, Esq.,

Secretary and Engineer-in-chief,
Shanghai Waterworks Co., Ltd.

Shanghai, October 20, 1908.

SIR—Your letter of the 15th instant has been considered by my Board and I am instructed to reply thereto.

As regards the Council's contention that the reasonableness of the 1906 regulation has been impaired by the fall in rentals since its issue, my Board considers that the fall in rental is not the criterion in determining whether the regulation is still a reasonable one; indeed a fall in rents necessarily involves a fall in the rates paid to the Company which is after all a concern conducted on business principles. There are a number of other circumstances which must be taken into account as for instance the cost of supply, the fall in exchange and, last but not least, the continued waste of water; and having regard especially to this last, my Board may before long have to consider seriously the necessity of putting the limit of rentals higher than \$10. My Board, however, desires to work in harmony with the Council and does not wish at present to make any change in the 1906 regulation, trusting that with the co-operation of the property owners the native consumers can be induced to waste less water; and, moreover, when an owner of houses of a rental less than \$10 desires such houses to be supplied by tap, an application for such supply will be carefully considered by the Board who will accede to it if in their opinion circumstances should warrant such a concession.

The ratepayers to whose initiative you say the Council's intervention is due, are, I presume, the Anglo-French Land Investment Co., Ltd. the owners of the houses in course of erection in the Burkill Road, which houses it is said will probably let for \$8 or \$9. My Board is willing to supply these houses with water by tap at a charge of 50 cents per house per month, provided that the Investment Co. will collect and pay such charge.

Trusting that this arrangement will prove satisfactory.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

ARTHUR P. WOOD.

Secretary & Engineer-in-chief,

Shanghai Waterworks Co., Ltd.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,

Secretary, Municipal Council.

Council Room,

Shanghai, October 23, 1908.

GENTLEMEN,—As a result of your letter of August 27, on the subject of the supply of water by tap to native houses of low rentals, considerable correspondence has taken place between the Council and the Shanghai Waterworks Co., Ltd.

The Council has stated that the fixation of a minimum of 50 cents per mensem for such supply is in the circumstances reasonable, and the Company in reply has expressed willingness to connect the houses in your Burkill Road Estate at this charge, provided in turn that you will collect and pay the amount. There is evidence to show

that such collection would be in keeping with the general practice in the Settlement, and the Council trusts that the arrangement will prove satisfactory in this instance.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

W. E. LEVESON,

Secretary.

Messrs A. R. BURKILL & SONS,

Agents,

The Anglo-French Land Investment Co., Ltd.

Shanghai, October 26, 1908.

DEAR SIR,—We have to thank you for yours of October 23, and note that the Council think that a minimum of fifty cents per house per month for water supply is reasonable.

As regards the collection of the water rate, we are prepared to do this, but do not admit that the Waterworks Company have a right to insist on this.

Yours faithfully,

THE ANGLO-FRENCH LAND INVESTMENT CO., LTD.

A. R. BURKILL & SONS,

Agents.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,

Secretary, Municipal Council.

Electricity Department.

Extension to Jessfield.—The proposal of the Electricity Committee is endorsed that this extension be carried out, upon the undertaking of St. John's College to take the whole of their supply from the Municipal mains during a period of three years.

Plant.—Upon the recommendation of this Committee, the tender of the Patterson Engineering Co., received by telegram through Messrs Preece & Cardew, for the supply of certain Grease Extracting Plant at a cost of £375, with £15 added for chemicals, is authorized for acceptance.

Buildings.—A report by the Electrical Engineer of August 29 states that alterations and additions to the old godown are required, and the tender of Chnn Sung-kee for the work is accepted. Tls. 1,720 with Tls. 300 added for cement flooring, etc. Other tenders received are Zee Zung-tai Tls. 1,920 and Sah Jin-kee Tls. 1,850.

Public School.

The minutes of the meeting of the Public School Committee of October 13 are read and confirmed. There were present:—

Messrs. A. S. P. White-Cooper

Chairman.

D. E. J. Abraham

J. Prentice

A. Sidney Wilson

The Headmaster and

The Secretary.

Attendance.—A general report by the Headmaster is submitted, as to the re-opening of the School for the winter

term. Forty pupils have left and sixty-three have been admitted; the total number on the books being now 366, i.e., 214 boys and 152 girls, against 398 at the same date last year. The new scale of fees, and the rigid application of the rule in respect to non-payment, is adequate explanation of this falling off in numbers.

Exhibition of Work.—At the suggestion of the Headmaster it is decided to extend the scope of the usual exhibition of specimens of drawing and painting so as to afford parents and others an opportunity of visiting the School and inspecting the whole of the work done. December 18, 19 and 21, from 3 to 7.30 p.m., are fixed as suitable dates for this function.

Evening Classes.—Proposals for the formation of evening classes during the winter are approved, and the syllabus of selected subjects will be printed for distribution. In the meanwhile the Committee authorizes publication of an announcement as to the classes with the list of subjects and scale of fees. The view is endorsed that an opportunity should be given for the formation of as many classes as possible, to which end it is desirable that the names of candidates be sent in before November 1. The fees charged will be:—\$5 per mensem for one subject and \$3 for each additional subject.

Student Mistresses.—The reply of the National Froebel Union is read to the Committee's application for facilities for holding their examination in the "methods of teaching" locally, from which it is inferred that compliance will present no difficulty. A final decision on the subject may be expected at an early date.

Examination and Speech Day.—Noting that the Cambridge Local Examination will take place during the week beginning December 14, the Committee fixes December 22 as the date for the Speech Day, provided the use of the Lyceum Theatre can be secured for the purpose.

With regard to this examination, for which fifty-nine pupils from the Public School are entered, and to enable the local fee to remain at its present low figure, the Committee recommends that the charge for the use of the Town Hall be waived in this instance.

The total number of candidates entered is now so great as to preclude holding the examination elsewhere with convenience, and since its object is the stimulation of educational work with Shanghai as a centre the members consider that the fee which is charged for dances and other entertainments may well be foregone.

Athletics.—Having reference to the Committee's ruling that the School athletics must be on a self-supporting basis, i.e., that expenses must be met by the levy of a small subscription, it is pointed out that the absence of a pavilion is keenly felt, while its cost is beyond the boys' resources. The Committee recommends the inclusion of provision for a pavilion, to be erected in the Hongkew Recreation Ground, in

the estimates for next year, the selection of a site to be subject to the approval of the Parks Committee. The building will be constructed of wood, and be of a simple and serviceable character.

Staff.—It is noted that Misses M. Mercer and G. E. Martin, the two new Assistant Mistresses, recently appointed by Mr. C. S. Addis in London, arrived and entered upon their duties on August 31.

The meeting adjourns at 6.30 p.m.

Health Department.

Notification of Infectious Diseases.

The following have been reported during the week ending Sunday October 25, 1908.	Death among Chinese population of 530,000	Cases notified among Non-Chinese population of 14,500.
Small pox.	0	6
Cholera.	0	0
Typhoid Fever	8	4
Diphtheria.	0	0
Scarlet Fever.	0	0
Tuberculosis	13	0
Total Deaths from all Causes	137	6

ARTHUR STANLEY,
Health Officer

Public Band.

The performances during next week will (weather permitting) be as follows:

Mon. Nov. 2, 2	p.m.	Race Course
Tues. " 3, 2	p.m.	"
Wed. " 4, 2	p.m.	"
Thurs. " 5, 5	p.m.	Public Garden
Fri. " 6, 5	p.m.	Hongkew Recreation Ground
Sat. " 7, 2	p.m.	Race Course

The first orchestral concert in the Town Hall will take place on Sunday, November 8, at 4.30 p.m. after which date the open-air performances will cease.

Engineer's Report for September.

Works in Progress.—New cells, Sinza Police Station. New quarters for Foreigners, Hongkew Police Station. Extra storey to Guard-room at Gaol. Replacing two existing bridges along Robison Road, one by reinforced concrete culvert, and one by 4-ft. 6-in. diam. tubes. Constructing reinforced concrete culvert to tidal ditch at the junction of Bubbling Well Road and Seymour Road. Forming and culverting Ferry Road from Sinza Road to Robison Road. Raising and culverting Hart Road from Sinza Road to Connaught Road. Laying 1-ft. 6-in. by 1-ft. 0-in. concrete sewer, brickwork, and metalling Myburgh Road from Burkill

Road to Avenue Road. Laying 1-ft. 6-in. by 1-ft. 0-in. concrete sewer along Sinza Road from Carter Road to Medhurst Road. Repairing deck to Foochow Road pontoon. Renewing planking and painting pontoon at Nan-king Road Jetty. Painting interior and exterior of Fogg's Pontoon. Native latrines at the Tramway termini at Yangtsepoo and Rifle Range. Raising and forming Manila Road. Concrete bunding at north-west side of Chekiang Road Bridge. Laying 3-ft. by 2-ft. sewer along North Honan Road. Laying 2-ft. 3-in. by 1-ft. 6-in. sewer along North Chekiang Road. Bricking and metalling Tongshan Road from Dent Road to Singkeipang Road. Making up Alcock Road between Kwenming Road and Ward Road. Making up North Thibet Road north of Kaifeng Road. Making up Dixwell Road north of East Yalu Road. Repairs to bunding at "Point." Repairs to Yangtsepoo Bridge and to bunding along North Soochow Road west of North Thibet Road.

Works Finally Completed.—Boundary wall and towers at Gaol (by convict labour). New Indians' quarters, West Hongkew Police Station. Children's latrine, Hongkew Park. Alterations to old S.V.C. Gunshed to house native police. Motor-car shed in Municipal Compound. Constructing reinforced concrete culvert along Jessfield Road west of the village. Laying 4-ft. 6-in. diam. concrete tubes to form culvert to creek across Markham Road. Laying 3-ft. diam. concrete tubes to form culvert to creek across Markham Road. Laying 12-in. diam. culvert to creek across Manila Road. Converting existing shed at Sinza Depot into Steamroller Shed. Laying 3-ft. diam. concrete tubes to form culvert to creek across Gordon Road. Laying 3-ft. 0-in. diam. concrete tubes to form culvert to creek across Robison Road. Laying 6-in. drain and gullies to Cemetery extension at Bubbling Well. Repairs to North Shanse Road Bridge, Mohawk Road Bridge, Chungking Road Bridge. Making up Cunningham Road south of Boundary Road. Concrete bunding at north-east side of Chekiang Road Bridge.

Plans submitted to Council and approved.—Alterations and enlargement to Godown at Electricity Department.

Cleansing.—Sixty carloads of garbage, 2,817 carloads of roads detritus, and 2,407 carloads of gully deposit were collected during the month.

Quarry.—1,630 tons of road materials have been received during the month from the Council's Quarry. The output will be considerably increased when the whole of the stone-breaking plant is in full working order.

Concreteware.—The following concreteware has been made at the Council's Hongkew Depot during the month:—

Machine made	411 pieces
Hand made	1,813 "
Total	2,224 "

Creeks and River.—388 tons of mud from the Yangkingpang, 2,784 tons of mud from Defence Creek, and 1,680 tons of mud have been dredged and removed from the Soochow Creek between the Garden Bridge and the Whangpoo River during the month.

New Buildings.—Forty-six sets of plans for 168 new buildings were approved during August and of these twenty-three sets were submitted by foreigners and Twenty-three by Chinese.

The following table shows lengths of drains of various sizes laid on private property by the Department during the month:—

Heading.	Unit.	Districts.				Total
		W.	C.	N.	E.	
12" Pipe Drain	ft. run	40			38	104
9" Pipe Drain	"	44			2	134
6" Pipe Drain	"					
4" Pipe Drain	"					
Manholes	Nos.	2			1	10
Main drain connexions ..	"					7

Survey Work.—Official measurements of new land lots attended during the month..... 53

Cadastral certificates issued 62

Consular lots surveyed 24

Surveys made in connexion with road widenings and/or extensions..... 42

Lots examined to ascertain whether they included roads or waterways which are or may in future be of use to the public 70

M. C. R. stones have been erected as follows:—

Western District	8 stones.
Central	"
Northern	35 "
Eastern	53 "
Outside limits	"

Total 96 "

Miscellaneous.—The average number of labourers employed during the month, exclusive of contract work, has been 2,092 as against 1,926 during September 1907.

Works Completed on Existing Roads.—The following is a tabulated statement of the different works completed during the month:—

Heading	Unit.	Districts				Total.
		W.	C.	N.	E.	
<i>Drainage.</i>						
Tidal ditches repaired	ft. run	3240				3240
Tidal ditches cleaned	"	6289			3250	9539
Sewers cleaned	"			1689		1689
4'6" Culverts laid	"	40				40
3'0" Culverts laid... ..	"	80				80
2'3" x 1'6" Sewers laid	"			466		466
3'0" x 2'0" Sewers laid	"			526		526
12" Sewers laid	"			20		20
6" drains laid	"	138	140	78		356
Street gullies	Nos.	3		1		4
Street gullies renewed	"	4	54	18		76
Brick manholes constructed	"	2	1	3		6
Retaining Walls	"	2				2
<i>Roads.</i>						
Metalling	ft. sup.	132620	117283	123399	36588	409890
Kerb & channel laid (concrete)						
Kerb and channel laid—Soo-	ft. run	103		355		458
chow granite channel	"			34		34
Kerb and channel relaid	"			40		40
Chippaved margins laid	ft. sup.	584	2400		236	3220
Chippaved margins repaired...	"			1270		1270
Chippaved carriageways reprd	"			8220		8220
Rolling and sanding	"	38170		50207	21722	305599
Macadam roads repaired	"	62	4176	4563	70	8871
<i>Footpavement.</i>						
Concrete paving laid	ft. sup.	187		1582	1560	3329
Concrete paving repaired	"			338		338
Tar paving laid	"	4392				4392
Tar paving repaired	"	33664		9265		42929
<i>Miscellaneous.</i>						
M.C.R. stones fixed... ..	Nos.	8		35	53	96
Foochow pole railing erected...	"				105	105
Fire hydrants erected	"	4				4
Public gas lamps erected	"	1				1
Gas, water and other trenches						
opened	ft. run	2374	520	1208	147	5149
Telephone poles erected	Nos.	13	8		n	21
Electric Light poles erected...	"	27	38			65

Works Completed on Road Widenings and Extensions.—Works have been completed on Peking Road, Fokien Road, Kiukiang Road, Haiphong Road, Myburgh Road, Avenue Road, Manila Road, Weihaiwei Road, Thorburn Road, Tongshan Road, Alcock Road, Dixwell Road, North Szechuen Road Extension, Cunningham Road, Boundary Road, North Thibet Road, North Honan Road, Tsopoo Road, Winchester Road and Elgin Road, as shown by the following table:—

Heading	Unit.	Districts				Total.
		W.	C.	N.	E.	
<i>Drainage.</i>						
Ditches cleaned	ft. run			480		480
3'0" Culverts laid	"	40				40
1'6" x 1'0" Sewers laid . . .	"	118				118
12" Sewers laid	"				180	180
9" Sewers laid	"				32	32
6" Drains laid	"	70	74	36	140	320
Street gullies laid	Nos.	4		4	10	18
Street gullies renewed	"		7			7
Brick manholes constructed .	"	1			1	2
Retaining walls constructed .	"	2				2
<i>Roads.</i>						
Bricking	ft. sup.	3520		14584		18104
Metalling	"	3938		9268		13206
Kerb and channel laid	ft. run	12	507	808	1354	2681
Channel laid	"			233		233
Chippaved margins laid	ft. sup.		5278			5278
Chippaved carriageways laid .	"		360	1868		2228
Ditto repaired	"			1116		1116
Forming	"	75360				75360
<i>Footpavements.</i>						
Concrete paving laid	ft. sup.		2655	3643	5777	12075
Chippaved footways laid . . .	"			929		929
Macadam footways laid	"	210				210

CHAS. H. GODFREY, Deputy Engineer & Surveyor.

Municipal Laboratory.

Analysis and tests will be made for the public as follows:—

1.—The right is reserved of refusing samples which may not be of sufficient public importance to warrant analysis.

2.—Where purity of food is in question, which may influence Public Health, analysis may, at the discretion of the Health Officer, be undertaken at a nominal fee.

3.—The locality from which samples come must be clearly described.

4.—Crushed samples will not be received for analysis.

5.—All samples analysed will remain the property of the Council.

6.—The Council will not recognize any claims arising from results of analysis.

Water (chemical and bacterial)—: Tls. 50

Milk. „ 5

Butter. „ 30

Liquors. „ 40

Minerals, alloys, metals, etc.:

Qualitative test for one constituent „ 10

Qualitative analysis complete „ 25

Quantitative analysis: each constituent „ 35

Coal:

General analysis „ 35

Calorific value „ 15

Petrol, benzine, kerosene, lubricating and other oils:

General analysis „ 50

Flash point only „ 5

Building materials: cement, mortar, lime, etc.:

Chemical and physical tests as to quality „ 50

Toxicological examinations:

Qualitative „ 50

Quantitative „ 100

Fees for other examinations and any further information can be obtained on application to the Health Officer.

Quantities which should be submitted for analysis:—

Milk and Liquors 1 pint
Butter 1 pound
Water 1 gallon

When bacterial examination is required water should be sent packed in ice except in very cold weather.

Public Band.

The charge for the services of the Band is Tls. 40, and of a Half-Band, consisting of not less than 3 European and 12 Manila musicians, Tls. 25, per hour or part of an hour.

The services of a smaller number of musicians may be engaged at the rate of Tls. 3 per hour for European, and Tls. 1.50 per hour for Manila musicians.

One rehearsal is permitted without fee, all subsequent rehearsals are charged for at half of the above rates.

For the services of a soloist an additional fee of Tls. 25 is charged, inclusive of such rehearsals as are necessary.

If special music is required special arrangements must be made.

Engagements for more than three performances during a season are subject to a reduction of 20 per cent, for more than twelve performances 40 per cent.

For Sunday performances, or services involving marching through the streets double rates are charged.

24 hours' notice is required for the cancellation of any engagement.

The cost of conveyance of musicians for distances beyond a radius of 1 mile from the Municipal offices, Kiangse Road, must be defrayed by the persons engaging them.

The European musicians are allowed to give private music lessons, with the Conductor's permission obtained in each case.

Hongkew Recreation Ground.

Two full size football grounds, one practice Ground and one small hockey ground for ladies will be available for use from November 1 to March 31, 1909.

Secretaries of teams desiring to make use of the above are requested to forward their application to Mr. F. K. Ward at the Shanghai Public School, as soon as possible.

The grounds will be available daily for purposes of practice when matches are not in progress.

Surplus Plant.

The following machinery, etc., being that used in the construction of the Garden and Chekiang Road Bridges is for sale. Further particulars and permission to view the plant may be obtained on application at the Public Works Office, Hankow Road.

1 8" Centrifugal pump (Invincible) with engine complete. Cyl. 7½" by 6" stroke.

1 7" Centrifugal pump (Gwynne) with engine complete. Cyl. 7" by 6" stroke.

1 6" Centrifugal pump (Gwynne) with engine complete. Cyl. 6" by 6" stroke.

1 6" Centrifugal pump (Gwynne) with horizontal engine complete. Cyl. 9" by 8" stroke.

1 Steam winch. Cyl. 4½" by 9" stroke Single purchase. Light standard.

1 Steam winch. Cyl. 4½" by 9" stroke. Double purchase. Light standard.

1 Steam winch. Cyl. 5" by 10" stroke. Double purchase. Heavy standard.

1 Hoisting engine. Single cylinder with 5 ft. fly wheel. Cyl. 8" by 13" stroke.

1 20 cwt. "Lacour" steam pile hammer.

1 Cast iron rose box and foot valve complete for 8" pump.

2 Cast iron rose boxes and foot valves complete for 6" pump.

22 Feet 7" Cast iron pipe in 7'6" lengths.

32 Feet 6" Cast iron pipe in 7'6" and 2'0" lengths.

29 Feet 4½" Cast iron pipe in 7'0" and 6'0" lengths.

1 7" Cast iron short bend.

2 6" Cast iron short bends.

3 4" Cast iron short bends.

6 Brass valves. Sizes 1½", 1¾", 2", and 2½".

2 3" Hand pumps complete.

3 Snatch blocks 7" sheave.

3 Single sheave blocks 6" sheave.

3 Double sheave blocks 3" sheaves.

2 Treble sheave blocks 6" sheaves.

1 Turn buckle 1½" screw.

17 Crow bars 1½" by 5'0".

23 Augers from ½" to 1½".

1 Adze.

1 Weighing Machine.

Tramway Traffic Returns for September.

	Passengers.		Receipts.			Passengers per car mile.	Receipts per car mile.	Receipts per passenger.
	Number.	%	\$	C.	%	Number.	Mex. cents.	Mex. cents.
1st CLASS.								
Gross Totals	85,500	...	7,188	60	...	...	...	...
Less loss by exchange	...	...	1,164	79	...	...	...	...
Net Totals	85,500	9.52	6,023	81	19.06	—50	3.51	7.04
2nd CLASS.								
Gross Totals	813,017	...	30,622	65	...	...	...	...
Less loss by exchange	...	...	5,034	23	...	...	...	...
Net Totals	813,017	90.48	25,588	42	80.94	...	...	...
Net Grand Totals	898,517	100	31,612	23	100

Car Miles—169,250.

Percentage of loss by exchange: 18.50.

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EVENING CLASSES.

ORDINARY INCOME.		Estimate		Receipts to Sept. 30	
		Tls.	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.
LAND TAX.					
At 6/10ths of 1 per cent on assessed value of property, less					
20 per cent			683,520		667,658.48
GENERAL MUNICIPAL RATE.					
FOREIGN.					
At 12 per cent on assessed rental of rateable Foreign houses		435,000		336,215.78	
At 6 per cent on the same beyond Settlement limits, under provision of the agreement of July 1, 1905, with the Shanghai Waterworks Co., Ltd.		8,000		7,545.56	
NATIVE.					
At 10 per cent on assessed rental of rateable Chinese houses from January 1 to March 31		142,200		139,723.21	
At 12 per cent on assessed rental of rateable Chinese houses from April 1 to December 31		515,100		329,152.19	
At 5 per cent on the same beyond Settlement limits as above from January 1 to March 31		1,900		2,533.94	
At 6 per cent on the same beyond Settlement limits as above from April 1 to December 31		6,800		5,248.71	
			1,109,000		820,419.39
WHARFAGE DUES.					
Council's share of dues, as per tariff, on goods passed through the Custom House			175,000		121,249.41
LICENCE FEES.					
Foreign Hotel and Tavern	6,500		4,609.08		
Foreign Liquor Seller	18,500		13,783.04		
Restaurant	4,700		3,590.00		
Billiard and Bowling Saloon	700		504.50		
Native Lodging House	5,800		4,856.23		
Native Wine Shop	9,500		7,266.96		
Tea Shop	5,700		4,334.55		
Foreign Theatre	1,200		1,537.00		
Native Theatre	3,000		2,704.00		
Pawn Shop	17,500		13,124.94		
Opium Shop	4,000		3,837.20		
Opium House... ..	58,000		38,708.19		
Cargo Boat	5,800		3,909.52		
Ferry and Passenger Boat	1,100		825.04		
Steam Launch	2,200		1,672.16		
Native Boat	3,800		2,806.02		
Sampan	1,600		1,134.49		
Private-owned Pony and Carriage	14,000		11,251.56		
Livery Stable	25,000		21,129.25		
Motor Car	2,100		1,790.34		
Cart	17,000		12,346.28		
Private-owned Ricsha... ..	40,000		26,940.64		
Public Ricsha	95,000		79,891.70		
Sedan Chair	5,800		4,121.33		
Wheelbarrow	37,000		25,413.41		
Firearms	10,000		1,350.00		
Dog	800		878.19		
			396,300		294,315.62
RENT OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTIES.					
Markets	35,000		26,652.38		
Town Hall	1,000		295.00		
Firemen's Quarters	1,400		1,242.00		
Cadastral Lot 168 C to February 29	700		700.00		
Miscellaneous			550.17		
			38,100		29,439.55
CONTRIBUTIONS FROM PUBLIC COMPANIES.					
Shanghai Gas Co., Ltd., Discount of 25% on the cost public lighting		6,000		4,421.56	
Shanghai Mutual Telephone Co., Ltd. Dividend of 8% on 1,000 shares from April 1, 1907, to December 31, 1908.		7,000			
Shanghai Electric Construction Co., Ltd., Royalty of 5% on gross receipts from Tramway Service		15,000		7,176.81	
			28,000		11,598.37
TOTAL OF ORDINARY INCOME			2,429,920		1,944,680.8

ORDINARY EXPENDITURE.	Estimate.		Expenditure to September 30.	
	Of Tls.	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.
POLICE.				
Pay and Allowances.				
Foreigners	250,480		161,777.90	
Rent Allowance	3,720		2,138.03	
Fuel and Light Allowance	1,320		946.00	
Language Allowance for proficiency in Chinese	15,000		10,449.00	
Allowance for Sergeants on duty at Mixed Court	900		889.57	
Indians	90,915		49,930.30	
Language Allowance for proficiency in English and Chinese	2,000		807.68	
Drill, Traffic and Rent Allowances	3,500		1,635.38	
Deferred Pay	14,000		8,134.64	
Chinese	92,232		63,385.10	
Allowance for increased rates of pay	10,000			
Allowance to men on traffic duty	120		63.52	
Detectives—Foreigners	28,980		20,606.75	
Chinese	11,880		9,846.50	
Merit allowance	240		332.00	
Office Staff	13,930		10,599.24	
Chinese Teachers			2,242.87	
Superannuation	28,510		17,147.28	
Passages	30,000		21,304.77	
Medical aid.				
Pay of Indian Medical Assistant	720		284.32	
Medicines	500		781.43	
Hospital charges	4,000		4,863.89	
Uniform and equipment	45,000		49,729.57	
Funeral expenses	500		29.70	
Expenses of prisoners in station cells.				
Food	5,000		7,738.93	
Clothing	800		869.65	
Photographs	450		496.70	
Miscellaneous expenses	450		612.40	
Insurance	1,250		1,226.90	
Printing and Stationery	5,076		4,462.21	
Fuel	6,000		11,664.53	
Light	12,000		12,053.10	
Water	2,000		2,282.49	
Telephone service	1,800		1,482.00	
Expenses for catching stray dogs	1,205			
Less—Redemption fees	1,200			
	5		96.11	
Locomotion	4,100		5,356.93	
Patrol Ponies.				
Pay of Mafoos	1,000		857.33	
Fodder, Shoeing, Clipping, etc.	4,400		2,364.29	
Repairs to Saddlery	200		328.88	
Recruiting expenses in England and India	2,500		5,782.31	
Maintenance and Repairs				
Furniture and Fittings	800		715.67	
Arms	200		87.19	
Gratuities and Rewards	1,000		1,093.18	
Musketry Course	900		1,242.91	
Miscellaneous expenses	8,000		2,913.20	
		706,378		501,652.35
Less.				
Mixed Court Fines	40,000		34,504.36	
Receipts for special services	20,000		15,877.11	
Proceeds from sale of unclaimed property	1,600		138.24	
		61,600		50,519.71
Carried forward		644,778		451,132.64

ORDINARY EXPENDITURE—cont.		Estimate.		Expenditure to Sept. 30.	
	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.	
<i>Brought forward</i>		644,778		451,132.64	
POLICE—continued.					
GAOL.					
Pay and Allowances.					
Foreigners	12,800		8,793.72		
Language Allowance for proficiency in Chinese ..	580		664.10		
Indians	11,095		8,471.78		
Deferred Pay	1,815		1,096.21		
Chinese	1,155		1,184.55		
Superannuation	1,220		778.28		
Passages	675		99.81		
Medical aid	950		581.53		
Uniform	2,200		1,051.48		
Insurance	380		362.93		
Printing and Stationery	400		277.08		
Fuel	3,000		2,042.08		
Light	1,650		1,268.30		
Water	500		436.20		
Food for Convicts	13,000		12,033.28		
Clothing for Convicts	5,000		3,577.09		
• Locomotion	250		146.01		
Miscellaneous expenses	2,545		1,747.87		
	59,215		44,662.35		
<i>Less—Profit on convict labour</i>	12,000	47,215	11,298.22	33,364.13	
STOCK AND STORES.					
Furniture for Stations, Gaol and Quarters	10,000		14,867.83		
Lamps, whistles and truncheons	400		1,115.47		
100 Rifles	2,000		2,278.59		
Motor Car and accessories	3,500				
Remounts for Police patrol	1,000				
Miscellaneous	5,000	21,900	3,509.97	25,045.95	
		713,893		509,542.72	
<i>Carried forward</i>					

ORDINARY EXPENDITURE—cont.		Estimate.		Expenditure to Sept. 30.	
		Tls.	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.
<i>Brought forward</i>			713,893		509,542.72
HEALTH DEPARTMENT.					
HEALTH OFFICE.					
Pay and Allowances.					
Foreigners ...		58,513		42,706.65	
Rent Allowance ...		1,440		845.00	
Fuel and Light Allowance ...		1,000		755.17	
Language Allowance for proficiency in Chinese ...		3,744		2,086.84	
Chinese ...		44,000		28,976.83	
Superannuation ...		5,851		3,894.50	
Passages ...		1,500		954.04	
Locomotion ...		2,500		2,765.66	
Fuel ...		1,700		1,174.00	
Light ...		2,000		1,293.36	
Printing, Stationery and Books ...		950		1,336.01	
Notification of Infectious Disease ...		250		212.00	
Laboratory Apparatus, Animals and Chemicals ...		3,000		3,368.51	
Disinfection ...		2,500		1,154.14	
Cleansing Apparatus ...		2,500		2,287.21	
House Refuse Removal ...		10,000		5,168.10	
Water ...		3,000		1,747.56	
Telephones ...		300		448.38	
Insurance ...		720		768.28	
Maintenance and Repairs ...		500		917.31	
Miscellaneous expenses ...		2,500		901.57	
		148,468		103,761.12	
<i>Less—Receipts from Laboratory products and</i>					
Certificates ...	9,000		(8,975.81)		
Contribution from French Municipal Council to Laboratory ...	1,000				
Slaughter House Fees ...	17,000		(11,604.38)		
Sale of Ordure ...	54,000		(39,426.00)		
		81,000		60,006.19	
		67,468		43,754.93	
EXTRA-DEPARTMENTAL.					
Medical Attendance on Staff ...		6,000		3,737.03	
Port Health Work—Contribution to maintenance of Customs Quarantine Station ...		6,000		4,500.00	
Grant to General Hospital ...		4,000		3,000.00	
„ „ Shantung Road Hospital ...		2,000		1,500.00	
„ „ St. Luke's Hospital ...		2,000		1,500.00	
		20,000		14,237.03	
<i>Carried forward</i>			713,893		509,542.72

ORDINARY EXPENDITURE—cont.		Estimate.		Expenditure to Sept. 30.	
		Tls.	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.
<i>Brought forward</i>			713,893		509,542.72
HEALTH DEPARTMENT—continued.					
HOSPITALS.					
Pay and Allowances.					
Foreigners	21,424		14,303.87		
Language Allowance			108.00		
Special Duty Allowance	2,520		928.79		
Chinese	3,800		3,803.95		
Superannuation	2,050		2,640.76		
Passages	4,000		3,505.44		
Uniform	1,200		1,190.83		
Fuel	3,000		3,036.51		
Light	3,250		2,782.26		
Drugs and Instruments	3,500		2,657.82		
Messing	12,000		13,868.29		
Water	300		273.00		
Telephones	250		372.92		
Insurance	800		721.12		
Maintenance and Repairs	1,000		1,282.90		
Printing and Stationery			610.76		
Expenses of engaging Staff in England			482.93		
Miscellaneous expenses	3,000		3,266.61		
	62,094	(19,318.48)	55,836.76		
Less—Receipts from Victoria Nursing Home ... 19,000		(4,970.24)			
Receipts from Isolation Hospitals ... 8,000		(160.22)			
Receipts from Sanatorium					
Contribution from French Municipal Council 600	27,600		24,448.94		
	34,494		31,387.82		
CEMETERIES, CREMATORIUM AND-PUBLIC MORTUARY.					
Pay of Sexton	2,850		2,580.00		
Pay of Chinese Staff	3,000		2,217.80		
Language Allowance	392		216.00		
Superannuation	285		220.50		
Passages			579.60		
Grave Contractor, etc.	2,500		1,914.22		
Fuel	1,000		182.09		
Plants, etc.	1,000		342.45		
Insurance	80		51.40		
Miscellaneous expenses	1,000		225.55		
	12,107	(710.00)	8,529.61		
Less—Fees for Cremation 1,500		(2,092.70)			
„ Grave making 3,000		(1,792.50)			
„ Grave spaces 2,500		(285.00)			
„ Reservation 500	7,500		4,880.20		
	4,607		3,649.41		
SWIMMING BATH.					
Allowance of Assistant Inspector	180		180.00		
Pay of Chinese Staff	600		166.93		
Light	200		85.42		
Water	1,250		556.00		
Miscellaneous expenses	500		101.83		
	2,730		1,090.18		
Less—Receipts from bathers	1,000		645.28		
	1,730		444.90		
STOCK AND STORES.					
Furniture, including that of Indian Police Hospital ...	5,000		8,681.14		
Motor Car	2,500				
House-boat for Mokanshan Sanatorium	1,250		350.00		
Miscellaneous			876.23		
	8,750		9,907.37		
		137,049			103,381.46
<i>Carried forward</i>		850,942			612,924.18

ORDINARY EXPENDITURE.— <i>cont.</i>		Estimate.		Expenditure to Sept. 30.	
		Tls.	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.
<i>Brought forward</i>			850,942		612,924.18
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.					
GENERAL.					
Pay and Allowances.					
Foreigners.		88,005		66,787.25	
Boiler Inspector (moiety)		480		370.32	
Rent Allowance		1,380		795.00	
Fuel and Light Allowance		720		540.00	
Language allowance for proficiency in Chinese ...		576		162.04	
Chinese		8,830		7,088.98	
Superannuation		8,200		6,262.10	
Passages		4,675		5,118.97	
Locomotion		6,300		5,254.03	
Fuel and Light		480		363.90	
Telephone service		500		519.01	
Printing and Stationery		3,000		3,116.57	
Insurance		130		146.23	
Miscellaneous expenses		3,000		1,747.02	
		126,276		98,271.42	
Less.—Building Permit fees	4,500		(1,986.60)		
Private Works Supervision fees	3,000		(3,862.05)		
Miscellaneous Permit fees	5,500		(4,749.74)		
		13,000		10,598.39	
		113,276		87,673.03	
BUILDINGS.					
Upkeep and General Repairs to:—					
Town Hall		800		2,171.58	
Police Stations		8,000		8,165.13	
Health Department buildings		10,950		9,842.17	
Other Municipal buildings		10,000		8,887.44	
		29,750		29,066.32	
CREEKS AND RIVER.					
Repairs and Renewals to:—					
Bridges		13,400		9,823.17	
Bundings		14,500		10,671.84	
Jetties and Pontoons		7,000		3,421.61	
Working expenses of steam dredger		3,500		762.88	
Cleaning, etc., main lines of creeks		6,000		4,478.31	
		44,400		29,157.81	
<i>Carried forward</i>			850,942		612,924.18

ORDINARY EXPENDITURE—cont.	Estimate.	Expenditure to Sept. 30.
	Tls.	Tls.
<i>Brought forward</i>		850,942
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT—continued.		
DRAINAGE.		
Constructing new sewers in the following roads :—		
Chihli Road, from Nanking Road to Ningpo Road ...	770	640.77
Koo Ka Loong, from Peking Road to Ningpo Road...	400	204.81
Woo Foo Loong, from Bun Tong Loong to Tientsin Road.	250	45.71
North Chekiang Road, from Haining Road to Boundary Road	6,000	3,900.82
North Honan Road, from North Soochow Road to Range Road	24,000	4,390.21
North Szechuen Road, south of the Yukungpu ... 4,400		
Less—Contribution from Shanghai Land Investment Co., Ltd. 500		
	3,900	2,589.66
Gordon Road, north of Markham Road, culvert to replace bridge	571	266.17
Markham Road, east of Gordon Road, 2 culverts to replace bridges	1,142	856.43
Sinza Road from Carter Road to Medhurst Road ...	3,400	83.93
Jessfield Road, reconstructing culvert near Settlement boundary	660	283.37
Jessfield Road, reconstructing culvert near Edna Villas	480	513.81
Jessfield Road, 2 reinforced concrete culverts to replace bridges	2,450	1,498.71
Robison Road, 2 culverts to replace bridges	1,142	178.72
„ culvert near Jessfield Road	1,225	222.90
„ to 250 feet east of Jessfield Road	588	17.87
Sicawei Road, between Great Western Road and northern boundary of Cadastral Lot 2590 ...	3,000	1,956.31
Sicawei Road, reconstructing culvert	470	372.35
Iron gully and manhole covers	2,500	1,382.19
Repairing and cleaning drains	7,000	2,129.73
Renewing street gullies	2,500	564.84
	62,448	22,099.31
Less—Profit on Concreteware Manufactory ...	5,000	5,949.03
	57,448	16,150.28
ROADS.		
Pay and Allowances.		
Foreigners	22,710	14,584.72
Rent Allowance	720	720.00
Language Allowance for proficiency in Chinese	192	204.80
Chinese Teachers		36.81
Metalling Labour	45,000	16,976.17
Cleansing Labour	24,000	17,009.70
Mafoos	8,500	5,337.28
Steam Roller Staff... ..	1,750	1,246.09
Superannuation	1,794	1,002.94
Passages		88.08
Uniform	900	919.61
Locomotion	1,450	1,058.07
Granite chips, sand and broken bricks	67,500	47,093.44
Kerb and channel	5,000	1,683.56
Chip-pavements and chip-paved margins	6,250	4,398.50
Street pavements	10,000	5,671.16
Wood paving	400	4,047.80
Granite sett edging	300	374.40
Tools, renewals and repairs	7,500	7,059.80
<i>Carried forward</i>	203,966	129,512.93
	850,942	612,924.18

ORDINARY EXPENDITURE—cont.		Estimate.		Expenditure to Sept. 30.	
		Tls.	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.
<i>Brought forward</i>		203,966	850,942	129,512.93	612,924.18
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT—continued.					
<i>ROADS—continued.</i>					
Boundary stones	...	200		197.49	
Street name-plates	...	1,100		439.94	
Working expenses of steam-rollers	...	3,500		2,395.77	
Chinese Government Land Tax	...	300		273.23	
Maintenance of carts and harness	...	5,500		4,892.91	
Insurance...	...	1,070		1,144.67	
Water	...	9,000		7,474.05	
Stud—Metalling	...	8,500		3,788.00	
Cleansing	...	25,000		19,491.80	
Barging away road detritus	...	2,750		2,152.53	
Raking and repairing mud roads	...	2,500		1,267.66	
Repairs to Foochow pole railings	...	1,700		1,121.87	
Miscellaneous expenses	...	1,500		1,846.02	
				175,998.87	
<i>Less—Profit on Pingchiao Quarry...</i>				8,575.76	
LIGHTING.		266,586		167,423.11	
Electricity.					
235 arc lamps	41,413		(34,760.92) (2,763.88)		
84 incandescent lamps	5,150				
Extensions	5,000				
		51,563		37,524.80	
Gas.					
771 Lamps	23,706		(17,336.78)		
Extensions	5,000		(1,234.23)		
		28,706		18,571.01	
Oil.					
For outlying districts		1,050		742.76	
		81,319		56,838.57	
PARKS AND OPEN SPACES.					
Pay and Allowances.					
Superintendent	...	3,000		2,250.00	
Assistant Superintendent	...	1,800		1,350.00	
Park-keeper	...	780		505.65	
1 Indian Police watchman	...	270		201.30	
1 Chinese Writer	...	150			
1 Chinese Policeman	...	135			
9 Foremen	...	1,020			
31 Gardeners	...	2,644			
4 Boys	...	145		3,351.36	
2 Mafoos	...	145			
1 Motor lawn mower driver	...	126			
1 Cook	...	70			
1 Amah (6 months)	...	41			
Labour	...	9,000		8,120.46	
Superannuation	...	480		360.00	
Chinese Government Land Tax	...	400		782.39	
Fuel	...	500		504.00	
Lighting Gardens	...	900		696.79	
Motor lawn mower, gasoline, repairs, etc...	...	435		226.80	
Water	...	900		953.10	
Locomotion	...	1,150		704.40	
Tools, repairs and renewals	...	800		270.31	
Repainting hot-houses, seats, etc.	...	2,150		1,792.62	
Trees, shrubs, seeds and turf	...	2,350		2,131.80	
<i>Carried forward</i>		29,391	950,942	24,200.98	612,924.18

ORDINARY EXPENDITURE— <i>cont.</i>						Estimate.		Expenditure to Sept. 30.	
						Tls.	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.
<i>Brought forward</i>						29,391	850,942	24,200.98	612,924 18
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.—<i>continued.</i>									
PARKS AND OPEN SPACES.— <i>continued.</i>									
Mud, sand and gravel	...	...	...	...	...	550		621.84	
Poles and tree fastenings	...	...	...	...	...	2,700		781.10	
Insurance	...	...	...	...	...	200		180.00	
Miscellaneous expenses	...	...	...	...	...	2,300		3,249.26	
						35,141		29,033.18	
<i>Less</i>									
Receipts from sale and hire of plants	...	...	...	...	...	600		364.16	
						34,541		28,66 .02	
STOCK AND STORES.									
Motor-cars and accessories	...	...	...	...	...	5,000		2,768.37	
Shaft and wheels for carts	...	...	...	...	...	700		838.85	
Sweeping machine brushes	...	...	...	...	...	900		1,032.19	
Steam roller wheels	...	...	...	...	...	2,700		2,475.70	
Surveying instruments	...	...	...	...	...	500		650.00	
Carriage	...	...	...	...	...	650		3,887.69	
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...
						10,450		11,652.80	
							637,770		426,630.94
SECRETARIAT.									
Pay and Allowances.									
Foreigners	...	...	...	...	...	81,390		62,695.10	
Rent Allowance	...	...	...	...	...	900		840.00	
Fuel and Light Allowance	...	...	...	...	...	1,080		840.00	
Language Allowance for proficiency in Chinese	...	...	...	...	...	864		684.00	
Chinese	...	...	...	...	...	22,866		18,569.68	
Superannuation	...	...	...	...	...	7,866		6,027.82	
Reporter's retainer	...	...	...	...	...	600		300.00	
Passages	...	...	...	...	...	1,200		2,047.09	
Medical aid	...	...	...	...	...	450		134.50	
Uniform	...	...	...	...	...	1,070		1,244.59	
Locomotion	...	...	...	...	...	4,358		3,087.44	
Fuel and Light	...	...	...	...	...	920		1,230.04	
Insurance	...	...	...	...	...	110		114.75	
Printing, Stationery and Advertising	...	...	...	...	...	15,000		10,870.76	
Miscellaneous expenses	...	...	...	...	...	2,500		1,706.42	
Stock and Stores	...	...	...	...	...	2,000		1,705.76	
Land Assessment, Plans and Schedules	...	...	...	...	...			1,746.60	
						143,174		113,844.91	
<i>Less—Charged to industrial undertakings</i>									
						3,000		2,250.00	
							140,174		111,594.91
<i>Carried forward</i>							1,628,886		1,151,150.03

ORDINARY EXPENDITURE.— <i>cont.</i>		Estimate		Expenditure to Sept. 30.	
		Tls.	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.
	<i>Brought forward</i>		1,628,886		1,151,150.03
VOLUNTEERS.					
Pay and Allowances.					
Foreigners	...	9,240		7,006.77	
Fuel and Light Allowance	...	360		270.00	
Town Hall, Riding School and Orderly Room Staff	...	1,672		1,261.40	
Range Staff	...	1,770		1,031.75	
Uniform	...	5,000		4,002.22	
Accoutrements	...	3,000		410.52	
Fuel and Light	...	640		1,038.99	
Printing and Stationery	...	1,500		1,266.88	
Locomotion	...	1,500		2,643.61	
Telephones	...	302		356.45	
Band	...	325		93.75	
Maintenance of Range	1,200		(920.07)		
<i>Less</i> —Proceeds from sale of cartridge cases, lead, etc.	850		(642.77)		
		350		1,011.54	
Passage of Sergeant Instructor	...			395.40	
Camp of Exercise	...	1,500		1,485.85	
Subscription to N.R.A.	...	75		87.53	
Ammunition	...	5,000		2,684.90	
Repairs to rifles and equipment	...	1,500		1,835.82	
Insurance	...	500		606.44	
Miscellaneous Expenses	...	2,500		2,325.98	
		36,734		29,815.80	
STOCK AND STORES					
250 Rifles	...	8,440		8,688.55	
6 L.S.A. Miniature Rifles	...	114		127.57	
Breeching-up tools	...	108		127.59	
Horses for Artillery	...	1,500		2,340.00	
Ammunition	...			3,145.40	
Furniture	...			1,201.07	
			46,896		45,444.98
PUBLIC BAND.					
Pay and Allowances.					
Europeans	...	17,700		12,540.00	
Manila men	...	18,000		13,839.79	
Librarian and coolies	...	300		238.62	
Rent Allowance	...	2,640		2,385.22	
Superannuation	...	3,725		2,564.14	
Passages	...	1,000		519.25	
Locomotion	...	1,080		809.51	
Fuel and Light	...	500		252.30	
Repairs to instruments, etc.	...	300		98.93	
New music	...	600		835.44	
Medical aid	...	200		108.89	
Uniform	...	1,200		508.64	
Printing, Stationery, Advertising, etc.	...	1,000		520.40	
Miscellaneous expenses	...	555		107.78	
		48,800		35,328.91	
<i>Less</i> —Contribution from French Municipal Council	1,500				
Council's share of receipts for private service	5,000			3,249.87	
			42,300		32,079.04
	<i>Carried forward</i>		1,718,082		1,228,674.05

ORDINARY EXPENDITURE—cont.		Estimate.		Expenditure to Sept. 30	
		Tls.	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.
<i>Brought forward</i>			1,718,082		1,228,674.05
FIRE BRIGADE.					
Pay					
Secretary (3 months)	150		10,948.09		
Departmental Engineer	3,280				
Watchmen at Bell Towers	3,750				
Native Staff at Workshop	3,000				
Engineers, Firemen, Chauffeurs, etc.	4,500				
Coolie Corps	650				
Superannuation... ..	330			304.50	
Company Cups	230			229.88	
Stud.					
Pay of Mafoos and Fodder	5,500			3,534.36	
Shoeing, Clipping, etc.... ..	300			406.35	
Veterinary Surgeon's Fees	400			302.10	
Repairs to Harness	300			324.75	
Hose Renewals	6,500			Cr. 79.16	
Fuel and Light	4,000			3,427.73	
Uniform	3,000			732.01	
Materials for workshop	2,490			1,311.15	
Repairs to Plant... ..	2,000			2,317.09	
Telephones and Fire Alarms	2,600			1,271.62	
Locomotion	800			383.07	
Water	1,500			1,054.06	
Refreshments for Firemen at Fires	600			334.06	
Printing and Stationery	200			100.57	
Insurance	200			173.96	
Medical aid	200			186.90	
Miscellaneous expenses	500			744.53	
				28,007.62	
STOCK AND STORES.					
Horse and Ponies	2,500			967.95	
Hook and Ladder Truck	1,750				
Motor Car	2,500			2,682.75	
6 New Gongs	900				
Miscellaneous				337.75	
	54,290			31,996.07	
Less.—Receipts from Blacksmith labour... ..	6,000		(2,474.41)		
Receipts from services of Fire Float	1,000				
Contribution from French Municipal Council	2,500		(2,500.00)		
	9,500			4,974.41	
			44,790		27,021.66
<i>Carried forward</i>			1,762,872		1,255,695.71

ORDINARY EXPENDITURE— <i>cont.</i>		Estimate.		Expenditure to Sept. 30.	
		Tls.	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.
<i>Brought forward</i>			1,762,872		1,255,695.71
EDUCATIONAL GRANTS.					
PUBLIC SCHOOL.					
Pay and Allowances.					
Headmaster	4,200	}	19,446.71		
3 Assistant Masters	6,600				
1 Assistant (for 6 months)	900				
11 Assistant Mistresses	15,540				
Chinese Staff	600			519.83	
Rent Allowance	540			405.00	
Fuel and Light Allowance	360			270.00	
Superannuation	2,600			1,790.26	
Postages	1,300			894.25	
Printing and Stationery	900			831.01	
Fuel and Light	400			338.94	
Laboratory	100			203.72	
Text books	10			343.67	
Insurance	150			153.00	
Grant in aid of Library	200				
Expenses of Evening classes	200				
Miscellaneous expenses	900			687.13	
	35,500			25,883.52	
Less—School fees	24,000			15,300.28	
Stock and Stores.				10,583.24	
Furniture, etc.				837.95	
		11,500			11,421.19
PUBLIC SCHOOL FOR CHINESE.					
Pay and Allowances.					
Headmaster	3,000			2,250.00	
Assistant Masters	3,000			2,420.29	
Chinese Teachers	6,480			4,377.03	
Writer, Coolies and Watchman	820			605.62	
Fuel and Light Allowance	360			270.00	
Superannuation	600			457.76	
Printing and Stationery	500			949.45	
Fuel and Light	140			128.55	
Text books	100			320.88	
Insurance	125			121.50	
Miscellaneous expenses	400			507.15	
Passage of Assistant Master				449.44	
	15,525			12,857.67	
Less—School fees	7,325			8,580.15	
Stock and Stores.				4,277.52	
Furniture, etc.				199.82	
		8,200			4,477.34
THOMAS HANBURY SCHOOL		1,500			1,125.00
FRENCH ORPHANAGE		1,000			750.00
ST. XAVIER'S SCHOOL		1,500			1,800.00
SHANGHAI JEWISH SCHOOL		500			375.00
DOOR OF HOPE		2,000			1,500.00
REFUGE FOR CHINESE SLAVE CHILDREN		1,000			750.00
SHANGHAI LIBRARY		1,000			250.00
SHANGHAI MUSEUM		500			375.00
<i>Carried forward.</i>		1,791,572			1,278,519.24

ORDINARY EXPENDITURE—Cont.	Estimate.		Expenditure to Sept. 30.	
	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.	Tls.
<i>Brought forward ...</i>		1,791,572		1,278,579.24
GENERAL CHARGES.				
Legal expenses	3,500		2,440.88	
Audit fee —£200	1,400		1,236.02	
Semaphore Service	2,000			
Pew-rents and relief of p or... ..	500		263.07	
Rice Money	10,000		16,162.24	
Land Assessment.				
Assessors' fees	10,000		10,000.00	
Compilation of plans and printing schedules	1,500		10.00	
Compensation to Mr. W. T. Evans, as per Resolution XII passed at Annual Meeting of Ratepayers on March 17, 1908			4,390.50	
Rent of Municipal properties.				
Public Recreation Ground	600		450.00	
Police Stations—				
Bubbling Well... ..	560		560.00	
Harbin Road	1,200		600.00	
Police Quarters—				
No. 8B Kinkiang Road	1,680		1,400.00	
No. 8 Seward Road	1,200		900.00	
No. 12 Ward Road	600		500.00	
No. 5 Yu Yuen Road	1,080		900.00	
No. 79/80 Bubbling Well Road	2,472		2,200.30	
Hongkew Fire Station	300		300.00	
Depôts—				
Soochow Road	360		360.00	
Jessfield Road	5		10.00	
Yangtszepoo	250		126.75	
No. 53 Dent Lane	72		50.03	
No. 848 Park Road	90		88.25	
		39,369		42,948.00
INTEREST.				
On General Loans and Special Loan	83,552		47,704.03	
On Savings Bank, Security Deposits, etc	30,285		15,866.48	
	113,837		63,670.51	
<i>Less—Trust Funds, Investment Account</i>	22,458		16,230.44	
		91,379		47,340.07
REDEMPTION OF DEBENTURES.				
Repayment of proportionate amount of debentures outstanding		119,549		
TOTAL OF ORDINARY EXPENDITURE		2,041,869		1,368,807

EXTRAORDINARY INCOME.	Estimate.	Receipts to Sept. 30.
	Tls.	
Estimated Surplus on Ordinary Budget	388,051.00	575,873.47*
Amount recommended to be raised by debentures if necessary	400,000.00	221,200.00
Half cost of 2 passenger pontoons and jetties north of the Customs pontoons, receivable from Imperial Maritime Customs	25,000.00	25,000.00
* Includes Land Tax to December 31		
Deficit carried forward	14,442.38	
	827,493.38	822,073.47

EXTRAORDINARY EXPENDITURE.	Estimate	Expenditure to Sept. 30.
	Tls.	Tls.
DEFICIT FROM 1907	201,513.38	201,513.38
Bridges.		
Garden Bridge, exclusive of steelwork, balance of cost	11,760.00	27,599.65
Chekiang Road Bridge, exclusive of steelwork, balance of cost	8,300.00	16,984.29
Bund Bridge over Yangkingpang, one-fourth of cost	19,500.00	
Bundings.		
Soochow Creek, in concrete :—		
From Chapoo Road Bridge to Chinese Garden ; balance of cost	700.00	1,355.46
From Garden Bridge to Woosung Road, balance of cost	7,000.00	5,172.87
Reserve Garden, west of Garden Bridge... ..	2,100.00	1,603.60
From Fokien Road to Cadastral lot 298	5,000.00	
North Soochow Road, on each side of Chekiang Road Bridge	14,500.00	14,217.91
Hongkew Creek, in hardwood :—		
From East Scott Road to S.W. corner of Cadastral lot 320	5,000.00	4,672.00
Drainage.		
Great Western Road, culvert from Defence Creek to Mohawk Road, half cost	16,750.00	
Manila Road, Sewer from Mohawk Road to Great Western Road, half cost... ..	11,250.00	
Landing Stages.		
Half cost of 2 passenger pontoons and jetties north of the Customs pontoons, balance of cost	11,850.00	9,191.15
Garbage shoot, Soochow Creek, at Wenchow Road	1,000.00	23.98
Jetty on the Yangtsepoo Creek, at Lay Road	900.00	
Carried forward	317,123.38	282,334.29

EXTRAORDINARY EXPENDITURE—cont.		Estimate.	Expenditure to Sept. 30.
		Tls.	Tls.
<i>Brought forward</i>		317,123.38	282,334.29
Land.			
Eastern Police Depot, balance of cost	...	17,640.00	14,810.03
Western Police Depot extension	...	3,400.00	4,993.10
Wayside Police Station extension	...	510.00	8.51
Sinza Market	...	25,000.00	25,399.29
Bubbling Well Cemetery extension	}	10,000.00	899.04
Victoria Nursing Home extension			
Isolation Hospital extension			
Markham Road Depot, raising	...		341.02
Wayside Park	...		22,071.00
Latrine sites	...	2,000.00	579.11
Surplus Land Bubbling Well Road, B. C. lot 5422	...		455.40
„ Rangoon „ „ 6474	...		1,280.40
„ Dalny „ „ 6641	...		781.00
Buildings.			
Police.			
Central Station, remodelling store and other alterations	...	1,400.00	285.00
Louza Station, shed	...	320.00	317.80
Hongkew Station, Additional Building, Indian Kitchen and Beggars' Cells	...	27,600.00	18,962.43
West Hongkew Station, Additional Buildings and Wall, balance of cost	...	10,100.00	8,583.98
Wayside Station, Additional Building and Alterations	...	24,500.00	
<i>(Amended Estimate Tls. 30,692 v. p. 230.)</i>			
Gaol, Quarters, Godown and Alterations to Wall, balance of cost...	...	2,100.00	1,318.84
„ Raising Extension, Wall and Towers, balance of cost	...	17,000.00	13,188.35
„ Bath-house, Kitchen Extension and Boilers	...	7,000.00	
„ Additional Workshop, 20,000	} portion of cost	20,000.00	450.86
„ Additional Indian Warders' Quarters, 21,000			
„ Guard Room	...		
Yangtsepoo Station, Drying-room	...	1,300.00	1,164.51
Sinza Station, Cells, Store and other Alterations	...	7,800.00	3,725.18
Western Depot, Indian and Chinese Quarters, balance of cost	...	13,500.00	14,051.73
„ „ Foreign Quarters, Store, etc.	...	53,000.00	
<i>(Estimate Block C. Tls. 40,660 v. p. 260)</i>			6,612.81
<i>(„ „ D. Tls. 12,110 „)</i>			
Public Health.			
Bubbling Well Cemetery, buildings and wall	...	20,200.00	18,968.48
Swimming Bath, alterations and additions	...	2,700.00	3,528.95
Soldiers' Cemetery, Wall, and Lodge and laying out, balance of cost	...	1,100.00	129.39
Victoria Nursing Home, raising extension	...	500.00	1,022.67
New Latrines	...	2,000.00	336.43
Fire Brigade.			
Sinza Fire Station, half cost	...	12,500.00	
Miscellaneous.			
Council Room alterations	...	2,200.00	2,038.14
Steam roller shed and Overseer's office, Northern District	...	1,600.00	1,569.15
Parks and Open Spaces.			
Hongkew Recreation Ground, Repayment of balance of Special Loan from Recreation Fund Trustees	...	30,000.00	20,000.00
Hongkew Recreation Ground, raising and laying out a portion	...	9,000.00	10,954.52
Reserve Garden, re-building boundary wall	...	3,000.00	3,000.00
Brenan Piece, laying out	...	1,400.00	1,060.66
Roads.			
Acquiring land for new roads and for widening and extending existing roads	...	120,000.00	136,476.83
Making up and metalling ditto	...	60,000.00	48,034.30
		827,493.38	669,738.20

J. A. POND

Accountant.

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1908.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, October 28, 1908, at 5 o'clock p.m., there are present :

Messrs. D. Landale (Chairman)

A. W. Burkill
W. D. Little
H. A. J. Macray
R. S. F. McBain
O. Measer
W. A. C. Platt
J. Prentice
The Secretary and
Assistant Secretary.

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Volunteers.

Light Horse.—Upon the recommendation of the Commandant, a temporary commission as 2nd Lieutenant is authorized for issue to Sergeant E. U. Reid, to enable him to undergo a course of instruction at home while on leave.

Police

Foreign Branch.—The following promotions are authorized :—

To be 2nd Class Sergeants with effect from October 4 :

J. Smith
T. Lynch.

To be 1st Class Constable with effect from November 16 :

G. Hermitage.

To be 2nd Class Constables with effect from November 1 :

A. T. Campbell
J. Colter
T. Elliot
W. Hardley
J. G. Lamb
J. Sullivan.

To be 2nd Class Constables with effect from November 7 :

T. Brown
J. Rush.

The engagement of G. Sykes and J. Gray as 3rd and 4th Class Warders respectively on three months' probation, and of C. E. Clarke as Probationary Constable, is authorized with effect from November 5.

Quarters.—At the recommendation of the Captain-Superintendent, arrangements have been concluded for the renewal, for a period of one year at the same rental, of the leases for the under-noted married quarters and sergeants' messes, to which reference is made on page 18 of the Annual Report for 1907.

The first will expire on December 31, and the remaining three on November 30, :—

8a Kinkiang Road, 2nd and 3rd floors, Handelsvereeniging v/h Van Laer & Co., Tls. 150 per mensem.

12. Ward Road, Davies & Thomas, Tls. 50 per mensem.

5 Yuyuen Road, Davies & Thomas, Tls. 90 per mensem.

79/80 Bubbling Well Road, Atkinson & Dallas, Tls. 200 per mensem.

Public Gambling.—From a police report submitted it is noted that roulette tables are now publicly operated in one of the upper rooms of the establishment known as the Jessfield Club.

Stray Dogs.—Plan of the new kennels, to be erected on the surplus land in the Gordon Road opposite the Western Depot, are submitted and approved. The accommodation provided will consist of nineteen separate kennels and one larger confined space, with coolie quarters and store. The kennels will be under the supervision and control of the inspector in charge of the Depot, while rabid or suspected dogs will, as heretofore, be transferred to the Isolation Hospital compound to be under observation by the Health Officer.

The kennels will be erected by the Public Works Department at an estimated cost of Tls. 720.

Gaul Boundary Wall.—From reports by the Captain-Superintendent and Engineer submitted, it is noted that the special structure of this wall, designed with a view to making escape more difficult, has exposed it to injury from weather, and in order to remedy this defect the insertion of a protecting course of concrete blocks is authorized at a cost of Tls. 294.

Pig Slaughtering.—An application is submitted for the Council's assistance in an effort to re-establish the slaughterhouse in the Kashing Road, under notice on many previous occasions. The members are unwilling to authorize any change in the treatment of this question calculated to afford the establishment a semblance of official authority, or to take any step which may have the effect of disorganising the legitimate business of a large number of native pig-slaughters throughout the Settlement. No monopoly of the industry in question can under any circumstances be permitted.

Shanghai, October 24, 1908.

SIR,—Having taken over the management of the Shanghai Sanitary Butchery Co. in Kashing Road, and being now engaged in the slaughtering of pigs, principally for native consumption only, and the native trade, and desiring to work in harmony with the Council's

views and to avoid all misunderstandings with native dealers, I beg to request, in the alternative, the following considerations at the hands of the Council:—

- 1.—That the Council appoint an inspector over the said slaughterhouse, or
- 2.—That a representative of the Council be delegated to accompany a representative of the slaughterhouse and reassure native dealers as to our standing, or
- 3.—That the Council write us a letter to the effect, that it is not interfering in any way with the workings of our business.

Again assuring you that we desire at all times to carry on our business in consonance with Municipal regulations and welcoming the Council's inspection.

I beg to remain,

Yours respectfully,

H. H. BODEMEYER,

Manager-Director,

Shanghai Sanitary Butchery Co., Ltd.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,

Secretary, Municipal Council.

Shanghai, November 4, 1908.

SIR,—Inasmuch, as we have received no reply from the Council, in response to our previous communication, re the Shanghai Sanitary Slaughterhouse Co., we beg again to state, that a medical officer of health has been appointed to inspect the live-stock as well as the carcasses before being put up for sale. An inspector has also been appointed to look after the killing and to see that the premises are kept in a sanitary condition.

Trusting that the Council will give us their hearty support, and any suggestions from it will be welcome.

I beg to remain,

Yours very respectfully,

H. H. BODEMEYER,

Manager-Director,

Shanghai Sanitary Butchery Co., Ltd.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,

Secretary, Municipal Council.

Council Room,

Shanghai, November 5, 1908.

SIR.—In reply to your letter of October 24, I am directed to state that there are objections to compliance with any one of the three requests therein contained, relating to the management of your slaughterhouse.

With regard to the expression "principally for native consumption" I have to point out that the slaughter of pigs for foreign consumption can under no circumstances be permitted except in the Municipal Slaughterhouse.

Secondly, I am to state that the same inspection will be given to the work of this establishment as is afforded to the slaughter of pigs throughout the Settlement, but that no special representative will attend at any fixed time for reasons with which you are already acquainted.

Finally, the Council is unwilling to afford you, either in writing or otherwise, any assurance such as may be calculated to signify special approval of your methods of slaughter, in distinction from those of ordinary native butchers.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant.

W. E. LEBRON,
Secretary.

H. H. BODMEYER, Esq.,

Managing Director,

Shanghai Sanitary Butchery Co., Ltd.

Land Commission.

The awards of the Commissioners in Cases Nos. LVIII, LIX and LXII are submitted, and ordered for transmission to the concerned and publication as usual.

CASE LVIII.

Chekian Road, Cadastral Lot 768. Registered owner: R. H. Artindale.

Mr. J. Ambrose attends on behalf of the owner.

In this case the value of the land to be surrendered is not in dispute and the point at issue is whether there is betterment for which the owner should pay, or not. The Council claims one-third betterment for the widening up to 30-ft. only.

The owner while admitting that in some instances a 30-ft. road is an advantage even to Chinese property, resists the claim in this instance on three grounds:

1.—That in a thoroughfare such as the Chekian Road where it is purely Chinese from end to end the widening of the road does not result in enhanced rentals, and that whatever advantage there may be it is entirely to the public.

2.—That the road being scheduled for surrender on both sides and betterment being claimed on the widening to 30-ft. only the owner who first develops his property is charged with the full betterment which enables the opposite owner to develop his free of cost, at any subsequent date.

3.—That the property is let on a 20 years' lease at £25 per annum less than the lessee agreed to pay before the widening took place and that the surrender has therefore resulted in an actual loss of income to this extent.

The Commissioners decide that any advantage which might under other circumstances be held to accrue to the

owner on general grounds by the widening of the Chekian Road, is counterbalanced by the loss of rental during the term of the lease referred to and award compensation as follows:—

Mow 0.199 at

Tls. 15,000 Tls. 2,985.00
plus 10% 298.50

Tls. 3,283.50

F. ANDERSON, } *Land*
GEO. W. NOËL, } *Commissioners*
LESLIE J. CUBITT, } *for 1908/9.*

Shanghai, October 23, 1908.

CASE LIX.

East Yuhang and Kalgan Roads, Cadastral Lot 862. Owner: F. Ellis

Mr. J. Ambrose attends on behalf of the registered owner.

On behalf of the Council the Secretary explains that the making of the Kalgan Road on the West of Lot 862 was the main object, and the surrender of the frontage on the East Yuhang Road was called for, not because it was intended to proceed with that thoroughfare just at present, but because it afforded an opportunity of concluding the two surrenders in one transaction—and recognizing that the East Yuhang Road surrender afforded the owner no additional advantage the Council made an offer which was the equivalent of rather more than full payment for this strip and free surrender of the Kalgan Road frontage.

The owner on the other hand takes the exact opposite view, pointing out that owing to the shape of his lot he is prepared to admit betterment on the East Yuhang Road which is his south frontage—though not to the extent of the two-thirds claimed by the Council, but protests against any advantage accruing to him by creating a frontage on the west, the south frontage giving him the necessary access to his property while the surrender on the Kalgan Road narrows the lot in a way which is distinctly detrimental to his interests.

The alleged increase in the value of all lots on the Kalgan Road does not in the owner's opinion prove that his lot is similarly benefitted owing to the fact that as already stated the Kalgan Road is not necessary to Lot 862 as it is to the others.

The Commissioners are of opinion that this case is not one to which any precedent can be applied, as the circumstances are in every respect peculiar. After careful consideration they decide that the justice of the case will be met by the payment by the Council of a sum of Tls. 2,500 in full settlement and they accordingly award this amount to the owner as compensation for the surrender of the whole area of Mow 1.250.

F. ANDERSON, } *Land*
GEO. W. NOËL, } *Commissioners*
LESLIE J. CUBITT, } *for 1908/9.*

Shanghai, October 23, 1908.

CASE LXII.

Chapoo Road, Cadastral Lot 893. Registered owners: Shanghai Land Investment Company, Limited.

Mr. P. Peebles attends on behalf of the registered owners.

The question at issue in this instance is one of betterment entirely—the Council assessing it at Tls. 320 and the registered owners denying its existence altogether.

The Secretary announces that he is instructed to withdraw the Council's offer contained in the letter of July 16 addressed to the registered owners and to adhere to the original claim for one-third betterment—not for financial reasons, but on account of the principle involved.

It appears that the road was only scheduled last year and that a new building has recently been completed on Lot No. 876 forming the corner of Woochang and Chapoo Roads on the old road line. To the north of the property in question stands the Customs Club, a modern building forming the corner of Boone and Chapoo Roads, also on the old road line and the probability of proceeding with the widening to any appreciable extent rests, therefore, on the chance of the destruction of one or both of these properties by fire.

It is contended by the owners that while the widening to 40-ft. is limited to that portion only of the road affecting their property, it will be detrimental to the tenants of the houses rather than otherwise as it will form a siding where waiting rickshaws will naturally find a refuge. Moreover in any case the terrace of houses now in course of erection at this point have their frontage on a private road and it is only the end of the terrace that abuts on the Chapoo Road.

The Commissioners decide that any increase in rentals which may be derived by the owners from the houses in course of erection cannot be held to be due to the widening of the Chapoo Road and that the betterment to the property on general grounds is too remote to be of any practical value at the present time.

They therefore award the owner compensation for their surrender as follows:—

Mow 0.100 at Tls. 12,000 Tls. 1,200
plus 10% " 120

Tls. 1,320

F. ANDERSON, } *Land*
GEO. W. NOËL, } *Commissioners*
LESLIE J. CUBITT, } *for 1908/9.*

Shanghai, October 23, 1908.

The meeting adjourns at 5.40 p.m.

Health Department.

Notification of Infectious Disease.

The following have been reported during the week ending Sunday November 8, 1908.	Death among Chinese population of 530,000	Cases notified among Non-Chinese population of 14,500.
Small-pox.	0	0
Cholera.	0	0
Typhoid Fever	—	1
Diphtheria.	2	0
Scarlet Fever.	0	0
Tuberculosis	13	1
Total Deaths from all Causes	139	5

ARTHUR STANLEY,

Health Officer.

Public Band.

Until further notice, performances will be given every Sunday at 4.30 p.m. and every Wednesday and Friday at 5.30 p.m.: on Fridays the programme will consist of dance music.

The programme for Sunday next is as follows:—

1.—Symphony B minor ("Unfinished") Schubert.

(a) Allegro Moderato.

(b) Andante con moto.

2.—Overture—"The Merry Wives of Windsor" Nicolai

3.—Selection from—"Cavalleria Rusticana" Mascagni

4.—Intermezzi from
"Pagliacci".... Leoncavallo.
"The Tales of Hoffmann".... Offenbach.

5.—March—"Coronation" Meyerbeer
Conductor, Mr. R. Buck.

Hongkow Recreation Ground.

Two full size football grounds, one practice ground and one small hockey ground for ladies are available for use from November 1 to March 31, 1909. Secretaries of teams desiring to make use of the above are requested to forward their application to Mr. F. K. Ward at the Shanghai Public School, as soon as possible. The grounds are available daily for purposes of practice, when matches are not in progress.

Tramway Traffic Returns for October.

1st CLASS.	Passengers.		Receipts.			Passengers per car mile	Receipts per car mile	Receipts per passenger
	Number.	%	\$	cts.	%	Number	Mex. cents	Mex. cents
Gross Totals	82,138	...	6,662	70	...	...	...	...
Less loss by exchange	...	...	1,104	82	...	...	...	...
Net Cash	82,138	9.19	5,557	88	17.16	—47	3.17	6.76
Seasons	45,454	5.09	2,672	00	8.26	.26	1.53	5.58
Net Totals	127,592	14.28	8,229	88	25.42	—73	4.70	6.45
2nd CLASS.								
Gross Totals	765,581	...	28,963	01	...	...	...	...
Less loss by exchange	...	...	4,823	29	...	...	...	...
Net Totals	765,581	85.72	24,139	72	74.58	4.38	13.80	3.15
Net Grand Totals	893,173	100	32,369	60	100	5.11	18.50	3.62

Car Miles—174,920.

Percentage of loss by exchange: 18.59.

Season Tickets issued: 334.

D. McCOLL,

General Manager.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

MONTH.	PASSENGERS			NET RECEIPTS.		
	1st Class	2nd Class	Total	1st Class \$	2nd Class \$	Total \$
June	85,836	794,353	880,189	6,182	25,882	32,064
July	88,756	802,952	891,708	6,263	25,429	31,692
August	86,475	814,436	900,911	6,113	25,669	31,781
September	85,500	813,017	898,517	6,024	25,588	31,612
October	127,592	765,581	893,173	8,229	24,140	32,369

MONTH.	PASSENGERS per car mile.	Receipts per car mile. cts.	Receipts per passenger cts.	Percentage of loss by exchange.
June	5.06	18.43	3.64	15.52
July	5.25	18.67	3.56	17.43
August	5.52	19.48	3.52	18.14
September	5.30	18.68	3.52	18.50
October	5.11	18.50	3.62	18.59

Health Officer's Report for October.

The Public Health continued exceptionally good throughout the month, but twelve cases of infectious disease being notified among the resident foreign community and the Isolation Hospital remaining practically empty.

There has been no case of Small-pox in Shanghai for over three months: but the season is approaching when it usually becomes prevalent. Residents are, however, advised not to wait to get vaccinated until Small-pox appears. This most important and certain of all preventive measures should, in Shanghai, be repeated every three years or until it no longer takes. All Chinese, and also indigent foreigners, are vaccinated free of charge at the Health Office at 2 p.m. daily. Foreigners should urge their native servants to

bring their children to the Health Office for vaccination.

An outbreak of Scarlet fever occurred in a native girl's school, but intelligent co-operation by the proprietors with the Sanitary Inspector resulted in a satisfactory arrest of the spread of the disease.

It is proposed to close the Public Swimming Bath for the winter on November 8. The bath has been visited by 10,528 persons as against 11,219 last year.

Here follow tables of Vital Statistics, Infectious Disease and outdoor Sanitary work; work done in the Municipal Hospitals and Slaughter-house; and list of Laundries, Dairies and Dealers in Perishable food-stuffs, etc., licensed for the protection of the Public Health.

ARTHUR STANLEY,

Health Officer.

	Deaths.	
	Foreign.	Native.
	Resident.	Non-Resident.
Small-pox	0	0
Cholera	0	0
Typhoid Fever	0	0
Diphtheria	0	0
Scarlet Fever	0	0
Tuberculosis	0	00
Beri-Beri	0	0
From all causes	00	000

Infectious Disease Notified Among Foreign Resident Population.

Small-pox	0
Cholera	0
Typhoid Fever	8
Diphtheria	2
Scarlet Fever	1
Tuberculosis	1

Municipal Laboratory.

Small-pox vaccine issued ...	750 tubes
Vaccinations	109
Diphtheria Antitoxin issued..	68 bottles
Cases undergoing anti-rabic treatment	3
Bacteriological examinations	75
Analysis	55

Slaughter-House Returns.

	Slaughtered.	Rejected at Slaughter-house.	Passed for Slaughter from Cattle-sheds.	Passed for Export from Cattle-sheds.	Rejected at Cattle-sheds.
Oxen	1413	1	1413	0	0
Sheep	2604	1	2604	29	0
Calves	336	1	336	0	0
Pigs	210	1	0	0	0

Victoria Nursing Home.

Cases admitted	35
Discharged	35
Died	1
Remaining last day of month	18
Nursed outside the Home	15
Daily visits	0
Nursing pre-engagements	2

Isolation Hospital

	Foreign.	Native.
Cases Admitted—Small-pox	0	0
Cholera	0	0
Typhoid Fever	0	0
Diphtheria	1	4
Scarlet Fever	0	8
Other Diseases	7	49
Discharged	8	37
Died	0	4
Remaining last day of month	0	32

Report on Analysis of Water.

Sample received October 27, 1908.

Report sent out October 31, 1908.

Sample of Shanghai Waterworks Co.'s Water
Physical Characters.—It has a bluish green colour with very slight opacity. Slightly alkaline reaction to litmus. Good aeration.

Solid Matter in Solution	13.5
a.—Volatile	6.4
b.—Fixed	7.1
Appearance on Ignition...Slight Charring	
Total Hardness	8.5
a.—Temporary	4.5
b.—Permanent	3.5
Chlorine	2.15
Nitrogen as Nitrates	0.0439
Saline Ammonia	0.0034
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.0142
Poisonous Metals	Nil
Nitrites	Nil
Phosphates	Nil
Sulphates	Traces.

Bacteriological Examination.—Gelatin plates at 23°c. yielded an average of 40 micro-organisms per c.c. of which 1 in 5 were liquifying.

Agar plates at blood heat showed 30 microbe colonies per c.c.

No organisms of the Coli group were present in quantities of 0.4 c.c. and upwards.

Report on Analysis.—A sample of water of good degree of chemical and bacterial purity.

Sanitary Work.

Complaints of insanitary conditions received from the public	27
Insanitary conditions reported by Health Office	110
Written intimations issued for sanitary amendment	34
Second written intimations issued for sanitary amendment	7
Notices of intention to proceed served	1
Samples taken for analysis	42
Pounds of unsound food destroyed	1775
Food prosecutions	36
House refuse prosecutions	149
Laundry and other prosecutions	4
Enquiries after notification of foreign cases of infectious disease	11
Enquiries after notification of Chinese cases of and deaths from infectious disease	180
Rooms disinfected after infectious disease	139
Articles of clothing, bedding, etc., disinfected by steam	504
Rooms white-washed	312
Ventilation and lighting amended	31
Defective drainage amended	73
Insanitary latrines and urinals rendered healthy	15
Insanitary ditches, ponds and creeks rendered healthy	11
Night-soil pits and kongs abolished	22
Exposed collared corpses removed and buried	12
Smoke nuisances suppressed	2
Offensive trade processes amended	0
Insanitary wells abolished	6
Tons of ordure removed	8548
Tons of house refuse removed	9342
Other unhealthy conditions amended	7
Beggar boats removed	6
Hawkers brought into markets	339

Licensed Butchers, Poultry, Game and Vegetable Dealers.

Butchers.	Situation.
NORTHERN DISTRICT.	
W. Fatterer	1108 Broadway
Fritz Pasche	7 " "
R. Neumann	Astor Road
Wong Sie Shung	72 Tiendong Road
Kyung Yue Shing	671 " "
Tsiang Ka Va	672 " "
Lo Jung	557 Woosung Road
Sien Kam Cheong	5 and 6 Market Road
Wong Yeek Sang	17 " "
Vee Ching Kee	1457 Woosung Road
An Sing	1578 " "
CENTRAL DISTRICT.	
Hop Foong	17 Maloo Market.
Hong Kie	19 " "
Yeh Tai	27 " "
Tsin Tai	28 " "
Yung Tai Foh	29 " "
Hopkins	1 Ningpo Road
Vegetable and Game.	
Tsau Sung Ling	677 Tiendong Road.
Yue Ming Kwai	1451 Woosung Road.
Vee Fah Kee	122 Market Road.
Sau Z. Yoong	32 & 33 Miller Road.
CENTRAL DISTRICT.	
Tao Sung Ling	12 Maloo Market.
Lin Yun Kung	14 " "
Tsu Chee Ling	15 " "
Vie Ah Sun	16 " "
Loh Ah Sai	18 " "
Nui Ah Char	26 " "
Zung Tsau Ming	30 " "
Bah Yung Ling	31 " "
Chu Wai Chu	33 " "

Licensed Laundries.

Laundry.	Situation.
EASTERN DISTRICT.	
Ah Chow	465-6 Dent Road
Ah Kung	467 do.
Old Ah Foo	469-71 do.
Jackson	472-3 do.
Big Sam	66-8 Dent Lane.
Jim	1858 Seward Road
Wo Yue	1859 do.
Yue Shing	1860 do.
Ching Kee	1861 do.
Mew Shing	1862 do.
Ah Ling	1863 do.
Big Sam	1192 Yuhong Road
Ah Kee	222 Tongshan Rd.
No. 1 Kashing	262-3 Harbin Road
No. 2	269-1 do.
No. 3	268-9 do.
No. 4	267-2 do.
No. 5	259 do.
No. 6	255 do.
No. 7	254 do.
No. 8	253 do.
No. 9	251-2 do.
No. 10	250-1 do.
No. 11	249 do.
No. 12	248 do.
No. 13	247 do.
No. 14	245-6 do.
No. 15	243-4 do.
No. 16	242 do.
No. 17	241 do.
No. 18	240 do.
No. 19	239 do.
No. 20-50	237-287 do.
NORTHERN DISTRICT.	
Yah Shing	846 Woosung Road.
Miller	308 Miller Road.
Chin Kee	1113 Woosung Road
Wong Ah Sam	1381 Haining Road
N. Y. K.	N. Szechuen Rd. Ex.
Yah Tai Tung	241-2518 Haining Rd.
International No. 12	517-518 N. Szechuen Rd. Ex.
	709-723 do.
WESTERN DISTRICT.	
Yung Shing Washing Co.	314-309 Ceking Rd.
Woo Kee Washing Co.	259 Taku Road.
Doo Foo Washing Co.	55 Yates Road.
Ziang Shing	24 Wehaiwei Rd.
Shz Shing Washing Co.	104-105 "
Yung San Washing Co.	210 "
" " " "	210 "
" " " "	210 "
" " " "	210 "
" " " "	210 "

Licensed Dairies.

Dairy.	Situation.
EASTERN DISTRICT.	
Riverside Farm	78 Yangtzepoo Road
Shanghai Dairy	" "
Inshalla Dairy Farm	71 Ward Road.
Sung Shing Dairy	Thorburn Road.
Yangtzepoo Dairy	" "
Farfield Dairy	19 Kwenming Road
Wayside Dairy	1543 Tongshan Road
Tuh Shing	East Kashing Road
NORTHERN DISTRICT.	
Home Farm	N. Szechuen Road
Paoshan Dairy	Paoshan
Hongkew Dairy	N. Szechuen Road
Yong Shu Fong	N. Honan Road.
Mo Hung Shing	N. Szechuen Road
Ching Kee	N. Honan Road
Hong Kee	N. Szechuen Road
Pan Chee	N. Honan Road
Shing Chee	N. Honan Road
Family Farm	Range Road
WESTERN DISTRICT.	
The Farm	Siewwei Road
Crawford's Farm	" "
St. George's Farm	Bubbling Well Road
Swiss Farm	" "
Cully's Dairy	" "
Lonke's (Private) Dairy	" "
Hung Fei	460 Av. Rd. - B. Road
Yuen Sang	461 " " " "
Zee Butler	462 " " " "
Gordon Rd. Dairy	463 " " " "
Yui Cheung	464 Avenue Road
Fok Kyi	1401 " "
Hop Shing	1 Yu Yung Road
Nee Shing	Markham Road
Yok Kyi	Markham Road

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MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1930.

PUBLIC SCHOOL.

EVENING CLASSES.

LECTURES and instruction will be given in the following subjects, provided sufficient students present themselves for the formation of classes :—

1. English.
2. Elementary Algebra.
3. Practical Mathematics.
4. Machine Drawing and Design.
5. Mechanical Engineering Course.
6. Elementary Physics.
7. Commercial Arithmetic.
8. Book-keeping and Office Routine.
9. Botany.
10. Chemistry.
11. Needlework.
12. Building, Construction and Drawing.
13. Freehand Model Drawing.
14. Hygiene.
15. First Aid.
16. Home Nursing.

The Syllabus and all other information may be obtained on application to the Headmaster at the School, Chapoo Road.

Intending students are requested to send in their names before October 31.

A fee of \$5 per mensem for one subject, and \$3 per mensem for each additional subject, will be charged.

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,
Council Room, Secretary.
Shanghai, October 20, 1908.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, November 11, 1908, at 4.30 p.m., there are present :

Messrs. D. Landale (*Chairman*)

A. W. Burkill

W. D. Little

H. A. J. Macray

R. S. F. McBain

O. Meuser

W. A. C. Platt

J. Prentice

The Secretary and

Assistant Secretary.

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Volunteers.

Commandant.—A formal communication from the War Office is read, on the subject of the relinquishment of his appointment as Commandant by Major (local Lieutenant-Colonel) Watson, and the selection of Major A. A. S. Barnes in his stead, and in reply thereto it is decided to state that Colonel Watson will be ready to embark on December 22, after handing over command to his successor.

Customs Company.—Upon the recommendation of the Commandant, commissions are authorized for issue to Mr. W. G. Lay as Lieutenant, and to Sergeant J. de W. Jansen as 2nd Lieutenant.

Policing Beyond Limits.

The following letter, relating to an incident which took place beyond the northern boundary of the Settlement on October 9, is ordered for inclusion in the minutes :—

Council Room,

Shanghai, October 21, 1908.

SIR,—I have the honour to draw the attention of the Consular Body to the improper treatment which a native Constable in the Police Force recently suffered at the hands of the Chapei Constabulary.

The facts are that Native P.C. 384, on duty in the Woosung Road Extension on October 9, when, in the course of duty, effecting the arrest of a hawker who had placed baskets on the footpath, was set upon by six members of the Chapei Constabulary in plain clothes. They seized him and the hawker, and conducted them to a native Yamèn in the neighbourhood, where he was confined in an insanitary privy for the space of about five hours, and released only upon the personal representations of two foreign members of the Force acting under instructions.

This incident, as the Consular Body is now aware, may be counted as one of many, in which tactics of intentional provocation are adopted, in order to harass the Police in the fulfilment of their heavy responsibilities on the Settlement's borders.

The Council cannot, therefore, pass this indignity over in silence, and I

have the honour to record its strong disapproval and regret, and to assure the Consular Body that though the Police spare no effort to avoid friction, such actions, rashly continued and repeated, must lead to increasingly grave results.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

DAVID LANDALE,

Secretary.

D. SIFFERT, Esq.,

Consul-General for Belgium,
and Senior Consul.

Public Band

A note by the Band Committee refers to complaints which have been received as to the noise and other disturbance created by children at performances of the Band in the Town Hall, and, after some discussion, it is decided, in accordance with the practice obtaining in Europe, to exclude children under ten years of age. This restriction will apply to the Sunday orchestral concerts only, and not to the performances of the Band on Wednesdays and Fridays, and the rule will be introduced with effect from and after Sunday, November 22.

Private Services.—A letter from Mr. Maitland, on resignation of his seat on the Public Band Committee, is submitted, containing a suggestion that groups of five or six musicians be formed to fulfil, by turns, engagements of a social nature, such as small dances, etc.

A report by the Conductor on the subject alludes to the useful functions which a small group of this kind have been found to perform, but points out, that without the presence of the piano-player no group can be formed, and that since a large share of the work must thus fall upon him, any addition to the tariff which this scheme involves, should take the form of a small extra fee per hour to remunerate his extra services. Upon the recommendation of the Band Committee, the proposal is approved, and it is decided to charge an additional fee of Tls. 1.50 per hour for the services of the piano-player when employed under these conditions. The necessary addition to the tariff is authorized accordingly.

Municipal Properties.

Hongkew Park.—In view of the confusion which the name of this small garden continually causes it is decided, upon the recommendation of the Works Committee, that it shall henceforward be known as Quinsan Square.

Road Extensions and Widenings.

Foochow and Chekiang Roads.—The offer of Mrs. Chin Chin-chee to surrender the scheduled portion of Cadastral lot 674 for the improvement of the corner of these roads at the assessed value less one-third for betterment is authorized for acceptance; area 4 hao, Tls. 67.

Garden and Chekiang Road Bridges.

No response having been made to the advertisement in respect to the surplus plant used in the construction of the bridges and now available for sale, the Engineer's recommendation is approved that such thereof as will be of use to the Department, valued at Tls. 3,732.85, be transferred to stock, and that the remainder be sold by auction, through Messrs. Hopkins, Dunn & Co.

Pingchiao Quarry.

The Engineer's recommendation to purchase a Worthington Pump from Messrs. Holliday, Wise & Co. at a cost of Tls. 272 is approved. This pump replaces the auxiliary Feed Pump found to be beyond repair, and will have the advantage of furnishing protection against fire.

Tramways.

Local Board.—Messrs. Alfred Dent & Co., the agents of the Shanghai Electric Construction Co., Ltd., announce the appointment by their Company of the following local board to attend to its affairs in Shanghai:—

Messrs. E. Wheeley
W. D. Little
A. M. Marshall
L. J. Cubitt.

Electricity Department.

The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity Committee of October 30, are read and confirmed. There were present:—

Messrs. F. Anderson
J. Grant Mackenzie
H. W. Pilcher
The Electrical Engineer and Assistant Secretary.

The following are ordered for publication:—

Mr. F. Anderson is elected Chairman to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. E. C. Pearce.

Plant.—A report by the Engineer states that Messrs. Bruce, Peebles & Co. telegraphed a proposal to dispatch have damping plates to reduce heating of the Turbo Rotors, and that Messrs. Preece & Cardew concur therewith. Acceptance of this offer, which will involve no extra cost, is authorized.

Extensions.—Arrangements are sanctioned for supply of power to the Kiangan Acid Works at the rate of 5.75 candareens per unit for all purposes. In view of the large consumption involved the recommendation to make the extension without extra charge is approved.

Indents, for an aggregate amount of £2,876.10s. are submitted as follows: for routine orders for stores at a cost of £2,333; for motors for hire to consumers at a cost of £339; for recording instruments at a cost of £163.10 and for portable shear legs at a cost of £41; noting that all usual discounts will be given and that commission will be charged at 5 per cent, the Committee approves the placing of the last named order with Messrs. Holliday, Wise & Co., since attention was first drawn to the advantages of the apparatus by this firm.

Locomotion.—A recommendation by the Engineer is to the effect that a motor-car, the property of the Deputy Engineer, be used on the Department's business, and that the working expenses therefor be paid out of the public funds. The two new cars will thus be wholly available for inspection purposes, and as a result of the consequent saving of time a recent vacancy in the staff need not be filled.

The decision, published with the minutes of May 20, to employ two cars instead of three as provided in the estimates, was designed with a view to their reduction where possible; but the economy effected by a permanent reduction of staff, and the fact that hire for ponies for locomotion in connexion with inspection work will for the future be unnecessary, are considerations which lead to the approval of the course proposed.

Educational Grants.

Shanghai Museum.—Letter from the North-China Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society is read, in allusion to the increased cost in the maintenance of the Shanghai Museum, and desiring that the annual grant be raised from Tls. 500 to Tls. 1,000. While unwilling to make any alteration in the current year's grant, the Council, upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee, is prepared to insert the higher figure in the Budget for next year. The Society's request for payment of the cost of repairing their existing building is deferred for consideration when the Engineer shall have reported on the work involved, and it is noted that the proposal, which has been under discussion since January, 1906, for building a larger Public Library and Museum has been abandoned for the present.

Shanghai, October 31, 1908.

SIR,—At a meeting of the Council of this Society yesterday, I was instructed to write to you asking that an extra grant of Tls. 500 be made to this Society for the current year. The large expenses which the Society has incurred in making additions to the Museum and Library, in order to bring them into greater efficiency, have made it necessary for the Society to ask for this increase. I may be allowed to call the attention of the Municipal Council to the fact that the Library and Museum are both institutions which are open to the public at all times, and are not conducted for the benefit of the members of the Society alone. It is hoped that, in future, the annual grant to the Society may be increased to Tls. 1,000, instead of the present grant of Tls. 500.

I am also directed to inquire from you whether or not the Municipal Council will be willing to undertake the necessary repairs to our present building in order that it may be more useful for the public purposes to which it is devoted. Repairs on the roof are greatly needed, in order that the valuable specimens in the Museum may not be injured, and repairs to the floor in the hall are needed, in order that it may be available for public meetings.

Yours truly,

JOHN C. FERGUSON,

Honorary Secretary,

North-China Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,

Secretary, Municipal Council.

Council Room,

Shanghai, November 13, 1908.

SIR,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of October 31, in respect to the annual grant to the Shanghai Museum.

In reply thereto, I am to state that, in the Council's opinion, the general progress and development of the Museum appears to warrant the increase you propose in the existing grant, which has stood at its present figure since 1877. The Council, therefore, while unwilling to augment the figure for 1908, which received the approval of the Ratepayers in March last, will insert in the Budget for 1909 provision for a grant of Tls. 1,000.

In regard to the question of the Society's building, the Council will await a report by the Municipal Engineer as to the extent to which repair is necessary and his estimate of the cost of the work, whereafter I shall address you again on the subject.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. E. LEVESON,

Secretary

J. C. FERGUSON, Esq.,

Honorary Secretary,

North-China Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society.

The meeting adjourns at 6.45 p.m.

Health Department.

Notification of Infectious Disease.

The following have been reported during the week ending Sunday November 15, 1908.	Death among Chinese population of 530,000	Cases notified among Non-Chinese population of 14,500.
Small-pox.	0	0
Cholera.	0	0
Typhoid Fever	—	2
Diphtheria.	3	0
Scarlet Fever.	1	3
Tuberculosis	17	0
Total Deaths from all Causes	145	0

ARTHUR STANLEY,

Health Officer.

Public Band.

Public Performances.—Until further notice, performances will be given every Sunday at 4.30 p.m. and every Wednesday and Friday at 5.30 p.m.: on Fridays the programme will consist of dance music.

The programme for Sunday next is as follows:—

- 1.—Overture—"William Tell"...Rossini
- 2.—Ballet Music (No. II)—
"Rosamund"Schubert
- 3.—Selection — "Adrienne Lecouvreur"Cilea
- 4.—Symphony No. 3
(two movements) ...Beethoven
(b) Marcia Funèbre (d) Finale
- 5.—Prelude—"Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg"... ..Wagner

Conductor, Mr. R. BUCK.

Private Services.—The charge for the services of the Band is Tls. 40, and of a Half-Band, consisting of not less than 3 European and 12 Manila musicians, Tls. 25, per hour or part of an hour.

The services of a smaller number of musicians may be engaged at the rate of Tls. 3 per hour for European, and Tls. 1.50 per hour for Manila musicians. In a group numbering less than half the Band an extra fee of Tls. 1.50 per hour is charged for the services of the solo-player.

One rehearsal is permitted without fee, all subsequent rehearsals are charged for at half of the above rates.

For the services of a soloist an additional fee of Tls. 25 is charged, inclusive of such rehearsals as are necessary.

If special music is required special arrangements must be made.

Engagements for more than three performances during a season are subject to a reduction of 20 per cent, for more than twelve performances 40 per cent.

For Sunday performances, or services involving marching through the streets double rates are charged.

24 hours' notice is required for the cancellation of any engagement.

The cost of conveyance of musicians for distances beyond a radius of 1 mile from the Municipal offices, Kiangse Road, must be defrayed by the persons engaging them.

The European musicians are allowed to give private music lessons, with the Conductor's permission obtained in each case.

Report of Captain-Superintendent of Police for Oc

Strength of the Force on Oct. 31, 1908.

Officers	8
Foreigners	207
Indians	516
Chinese	908
Total	1,639

(1) Serious crime during October was chiefly represented by the murder of an Indian ex-watchman in the Sinza district. The details of the case have already been made public and the matter is only referred to in order to emphasize the lawless conduct of the small-unattached Indian community in Shanghai. It will be recalled that less than thirteen months back an Indian woman was murdered in the most cold blooded manner by an Indian on board one of the China Navigation Co.'s steamers alongside the jetty and these are only two of a list of similar cases which point to the necessity for severe restrictive measures in the influx of undesirable Indians, also to the fact that mild handling of minor offences by Indians does not make for the peace of the Settlement.

(2) The question of the control of pawnshops situated just beyond the Settlement limits is likely to become a serious matter in the immediate future. During the previous month certain burglaries in the Western district have caused no little difficulty in being traced. Eventually, the perpetrator, a Japanese subject (a Korean), was run to ground and a large quantity of the missing property was discovered in pawnshops just outside the Northern boundary.

One of the main aids to the repression of such crimes as burglary within the Settlement is the careful and systematic

control of native and Japanese pawnshops so that foreign property cannot easily be disposed of. If, however, native pawnshops with every intention to receive foreign-stolen property are allowed to spring up along the Settlement boundary, obviously far greater temptation is held out to would-be criminals to adopt the profession of burglar.

I regret to have to say that the experience received at the hands of the local Chinese police authorities by the Municipal detectives do not point to much hope of successful or what is even more necessary, confidential co-operation in cases of stolen property.

(3) In addition to the question of native pawnshops referred to above, the outstanding one of the limits within which the Municipal Police should function has again come somewhat prominently forward. Perusal of the following summarised case, no unusual one, will, I trust, emphasize in the minds of ratepayers how unfair the present arrangement is to members of the Force:—

"Whilst an Indian constable was on duty in the Range Road at 7 p.m. on October 29 a foreign gentleman living in the Haskell Road (outside limits) reported to him that there was some trouble amongst his servants and requested the constable to accompany him to the house. This he did. On arrival at the house the constable was stopped by a member of the Paoshan Police, who blew his whistle, and in response thereto, two assistants arrived on the scene who together took the constable to the Yamèn a short distance away. After explaining to the officer in charge that he had answered the summons of a foreign gentleman, the constable was permitted to return to his duty."

Had the Indian constable not at once answered the call of the foreigner he would, in all probability, have been charged with neglect of one of the most important parts of his duty and severely punished, yet in doing so he appears to lay himself open to being ignominiously arrested, perhaps ill-treated, and hauled off to a native police-station beyond the Settlement limits.

In referring to the above case I would point out that stringent instructions have been issued that every possible effort is to be made to avoid collision or even ill feeling where the native Chinese Police are concerned; but, it is hardly to be expected that the Municipal Police can retain the necessary confidence in themselves and in those under whose instructions they act if they are not fully and firmly supported in the execution of their duty.

Here follow tables of persons coming under the notice of the Police for criminal and other offences, punishments inflicted, prisoners in custody, vehicle licenses suspended and confiscated, dogs captured, etc., value of property stolen and recovered, and warrants and summonses.

C. D. BRUCE,

Captain-Superintendent of Police.

Return of Persons coming under notice of Police for Criminal and other Offences.

Offences.	Foreigners	Natives	Total
(a) OFFENCES AGAINST THE PERSON :—			
Murder	3	0	3
Attempted suicide		4	4
Cutting and wounding		2	2
Assault	2	61	63
Kidnapping		72	72
Cruelty to or trafficking in women or children ...		16	16
Malicious Injury	1	1	2
Contempt of Court		2	2
(b) OFFENCES AGAINST RIGHTS OF PROPERTY :—			
Robbery		10	10
Embezzlement		3	3
Extortion	1	15	16
Burglary	1	21	22
Housebreaking		9	9
Obtaining goods or money by false pretences ...	2	20	22
Fraud		9	9
Receiving stolen property		11	11
Unlawful possession... ..		18	18
Forgery		1	1
Uttering counterfeit coin		2	2
Arson		8	8
Malicious injury		5	5
Larceny	4	379	383
Civil Offences :—Debt		20	20
Breach of contract		7	7
Others		25	25
(c) ACTS INJURIOUS TO THE PUBLIC :—			
Common nuisances		2,188	2,188
Vagrancy	1	120	121
Returning after expulsion		19	19
Disorderly and improper conduct... ..	14	180	194
Soliciting prostitution	12	65	77
Depositing garbage	1	165	166
Traffic :—Furious driving		12	12
Obstruction		1,995	1,995
Arms, unlawful carrying		2	2
Public gambling		63	63
Illegal arrest or detention		2	2
Lekin collection		2	2
Insanitary premises		9	9
Selling un-sound fruit		4	4
Selling lottery ticket		1	1
Cruelty to animals		9	9
Exposing indecent print for sale		1	1
Erecting signboards without permit	16	16	16
Building without permit		3	3
Miscellaneous		29	29
Evading license:—Restaurant	1		1
Breach of license conditions:—Dog	10	3	13
Club		1	1
Dairy		1	1
Teashop		5	5
Wine shop		2	2
Opium shop		4	4
Porkshop... ..		1	1
Laundry		3	3
Restaurant	3		3
(d) NOT CHARGED :—			
Beggars, Hawkers, Ragpickers		4,772	4,772
Others... ..	22	393	415
Total ...	78	10,800	10,878

Return of Sentences

Sentence.	Foreigners	Natives	Total
Imprisonment	6	355	361
Cangue		2	2
Expulsion or deportation	5	18	23
Fined	16	481	497
Imprisonment and cangue		4	4
" " expulsion		118	118
" " fined		12	12
Bail forfeited		4,207	4,207
Remanded	4	99	103
Cautioned	11	37	48
Dismissed	3	75	78
Released on Security		60	60
Left to Court... ..		45	45
Handed to parents or guardians	1	16	17
Sent to Reformatory		2	2
" Sinza Refuge		76	76
" Door of Hope		6	6
" Native Authorities		15	15
Charge withdrawn		3	3
Sent to Pakhoi Road Charitable Institution ...		1	1
Sent to Fie ch Mixed Court		2	2
Property confiscated... ..		1	1
Committed for trial	5		5
Sent on board ship for trial and punishment ...	5		5
Total ...	56	5,635	5,691

Prisoners in Custody on October 31, 1908.

Central Station	85
Louza Station	64
Hongkew Station	97
West Hongkew Station	43
Harbin Road Sub-Station	9
Wayside Station	12
Gaol	842
Yangtsepoo Station	12
Sinza Station	50
Bubbling Well Station	24
Total	1,238

Vehicle Licenses.

	Suspended	Confiscated
Riesha	1,024	2,046
Wheelbarrow	74	15
Handcart	—	3
Total	1,098	2,064

Value of Property Stolen between

	September	October 30, 1908.
		Dollars
Stolen		26,709.35
Recovered		14,273.65

Warrants and Summonses.

	Issued	Executed or Served
Warrants	95	41
Summonses	171	149

Dogs.

At Kennels Sept. 30, 08	28	186
Captured	158	
Returned FEB 5 1908	16	186
Killed	150	
Remaining at Kennels	20	

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MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1930.

PUBLIC SCHOOL.

EVENING CLASSES.

LECTURES and instruction will be given in the following subjects, provided sufficient students present themselves for the formation of classes :—

1. English.
2. Elementary Algebra.
3. Practical Mathematics.
4. Machine Drawing and Design.
5. Mechanical Engineering Course.
6. Elementary Physics.
7. Commercial Arithmetic.
8. Book-keeping and Office Routine.
9. Botany.
10. Chemistry.
11. Needlework.
12. Building, Construction and Drawing.
13. Freehand and Model Drawing.
14. Hygiene.
15. First Aid.
16. Home Nursing.

The Syllabus and all other information may be obtained on application to the Headmaster at the School, Chapoo Road.

Intending students are requested to send in their names before October 31.

A fee of \$5 per mensem for one subject, and \$3 per mensem for each additional subject, will be charged.

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,

Council Room, *Secretary.*
Shanghai, October 20, 1908.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1933.

COAL SUPPLY.

THE Council is prepared to receive tenders for one year's supply of coal for use in the Municipal Offices, Police Stations, Hospitals, etc., from January 1, 1909.

The annual requirements consist of about 1100 tons of Japanese House Coal and about 300 tons of Anthracite, and tenderers should quote for retail delivery in small quantities as and where required.

Tenders will be received by the undersigned not later than 4 o'clock p.m. on Tuesday, December 8, 1908, and should be marked "Tender for Coal."

The Council does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender, or to pay any expenses which the contractor may incur in tendering. The contractor whose tender is eventually accepted may be required to give satisfactory security for the due performance of the contract.

The names of tenderers, with the prices quoted, will be published for general information.

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,

Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, November 20, 1908.

AT the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, November 18, 1908, at 4.30 p.m., there are present :

Messrs. D. Landale (*Chairman*)

A. W. Burkill

W. D. Little

H. A. J. Macray

R. S. F. McBain

O. Meuser

W. A. C. Platt

J. Prentice

The Secretary and
Assistant Secretary.

Death of the Emperor of China and of the Empress-Dowager.

Upon the proposal of the Chairman, seconded by the Vice-Chairman, the Council records with all respect a resolution of deep regret at the recent lamented death of Their Majesties the Emperor of China and the Empress-Dowager; it is decided to communicate this resolution to the local Chinese Authorities through the Senior Consul.

Council Room,

Shanghai, November 19, 1908.

SIR,—I have the honour to inform you that at yesterday's meeting of the Council a resolution of condolence and deep regret was recorded at the recent death of Their Majesties the Emperor of China and the Empress-Dowager, and I have the honour to state that it is the wish of my colleagues and myself that you may be good enough to communicate this resolution to the Shanghai Taotai.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

DAVID LANDALE,

Chairman.

D. SIFFERT, Esq.,

Consul-General for Belgium,
and Senior Consul.

Shanghai, November 20, 1908.

SIR.—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of to-day's date, relating to the death of Their Majesties the Emperor of China and the Empress-Dowager, the contents of which I have just transmitted to the Taotai.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

D. SIFFERT,

*Consul-General for Belgium,
and Senior Consul.*

D. LANDALE, Esq.,

Chairman, Municipal Council.

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Police.

Officers.—It is noted that Mr. E. C. Creasy, upon the completion of his probationary period in India, has joined the Force as Cadet with effect from November 15. Mr. Creasy has qualified himself for duty with the Indian Branch by examination in Punjabi and Urdu.

Foreign Recruiting.—A letter from Lieutenant-Colonel A. W. A. Pollock is read, accepting the Council's proposal that he scrutinize the papers of, and personally interview, all candidates for enlistment in the Police Force before their appointment in London.

Mixed Court.

Case of Detention in the City.—A report by the Captain-Superintendent alludes to the arrest of Chiu Shun-cho (邱潤初), who appears to have been decoyed into the City and there detained for debt. Colonel Bruce considers that this case is one calling for protest, the concerned being a resident in the Settlement; on the other hand the fact that he voluntarily placed himself beyond the limits of Municipal supervision cuts the ground from under an official complaint. It is therefore decided, in communicating the facts for the information of the Consular Body, to do no more than point out how impossible co-operation with the native authorities for Police purposes must remain so long as tactics of this description are adopted.

Opium

A note from the American Consul-General forwards for the Municipal Seal a proclamation by the Taotai with regard to the Towns' anti-opium treatment. Therein are certain passages which have the appearance of being stronger in tenour than mere exhortation, and the Council is reluctant to afford the semblance of official compulsion by sealing a document which is intended rather as an advertisement or recommendation to adopt the treatment in question. Upon Mr. Denby's assurance that no attempt at exercise of improper authority in the Settlement is intended, it is decided to seal the proclamation.

Fire Brigade

Quarters.—A letter from the Chief Engineer alludes to the fact that the members of the Victoria Company are not at present provided with quarters, and to the increased efficiency which would result from the residence of a number of the men near the Station. His recommendation is approved and negotiations for a lease of suitable premises are authorized.

The National Mourning.

In regard to the death of the Emperor of China, and as a mark of respect, the Council directs that the uniform tassels of the native Police shall be blue during the time of national mourning.

Considerable correspondence has taken place during the day in regard to the Taotai's directions for the closing of theatres and other places of native entertainment. In reply to a letter from the Mixed Court Magistrate on the subject, it is decided to point out that his attempt to put in force regulations without the Council's knowledge is most unsatisfactory. The members are of opinion that it would be respectful and reasonable that licensed theatres should close for three days, but that further restriction of their proprietors' liberty of action would be unjustifiable; a notification in this sense is therefore directed.

Road Extensions and Widening.

Peking Road.—Referring to the compensation for Mow 0.251 of unregistered land, payable to Mr. D. F. Yang, for the Zung family, noted in the Gazette of September 24, a further sum of Tls. 800 is authorized for issue in reimbursement of the cost of the re-erection of the houses on the lot. This payment is made in recognition of the fact that the houses in question would not have been rebuilt at present had it not been for the widening which the Council desired to make, and it is also issued so that by this not illiberal treatment other native owners in the Peking Road will acquiesce without obstruction in the Council's project for the road improvement.

Ningpo Road.—Negotiations with Messrs. Drummond, White-Cooper and Phillips are reported as concluded for the acquisition of the whole of the scheduled strip of Cadastral lot 482, measuring Mow 0.027. The rate of payment will be the assessed value, Tls. 19,000 per mow, with 10 per cent added, and, in accordance with the current practice by which owners recognize participation in the improvement, less one-third for betterment. Tls. 376.

Yochow Road.—A report by the Engineer draws attention to the hardship imposed upon a native owner of land surrendered for the above road. His property measures Mow 0.407 of

which Mow 0.198 has been surrendered for road purposes at the low rate fixed under the Taotai's proclamation, and the Council approves of the purchase of the entire holding at the rate of Tls. 1,200 per mow, less the small sum already paid. By this step a surplus frontage area of Mow 0.209 will remain for use or sale hereafter.

Tatuny Road.—Negotiations with Messrs. Stokes, Platt and Teesdale have resulted in the surrender without compensation of an area of Mow 0.107 scheduled from Cadastral Lot 981 for the extension of this road.

Land Commission.

The following letter from the Land Commission, relative to the representation by counsel of parties appearing before the Commissioners, together with reply as directed, is ordered for inclusion in the minutes:—

Shanghai, November 10, 1908.

SIR,—I have received a letter from Mr. E. Jenner Hogg, of which I beg to enclose a copy, on the question of parties appearing before the Land Commission being represented by counsel.

Mr. Hogg states his view as strongly in favour of this new departure, claims that he is expressing the views of many others in his position, and gives it as his opinion that it would be in the nature of an injustice for the Land Commission to refuse to hear counsel appointed by a landowner to represent him.

Before coming to a decision on the question I shall be glad to know if the Council has any opinion to express regarding it.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

F. ANDERSON,

Chairman, Land Commission.

D. LANDALE, Esq.,

Chairman, Municipal Council.

Shanghai, November 9, 1908.

SIR,—North Fokien Road widening on Cadastral lot 212. Being informed by the Council that this case was to be referred to the Land Commission for settlement I asked Mr. R. N. Macleod to appear at the hearing of the case for the owners of land to be surrendered.

I understand the case has been postponed to afford an opportunity to the Commissioners to consider the whole question of parties being represented by counsel, and that the Council is writing to you expressing an opinion adverse to such representation. I write you in order to state my view which I know to be the view also of many others in my position.

I find it necessary for me to employ some representative and I can think of none better than a man whose profession it is to state the cases of others.

I am aware that former Land Commissioners have at the instance of the Council discouraged the appearance of lawyers in these cases, and I fully realize that you and your fellow commissioners when you undertook the work of the Commission may not have expected that you would be called on to listen to professional pleaders, but there is nothing in Regulation VI A to support the Council's view, nor was there, I think, any idea in the minds of those responsible for its introduction that the Commission would be other than a tribunal for trying cases in the usual way. When seconding the resolution for the adoption of Regulation VI A at the Special Meeting of Ratepayers held on March 11, 1898 you yourself said "The compulsory powers we ask for are practically the same as those possessed by all large cities in Europe and America and we are therefore only following in the footsteps of the Municipalities of our own countries."

I appreciate, of course, the difference between the powers themselves and the machinery by which they are to be exercised but the powers are to acquire land at a price, and once that right is granted the only remaining question of importance is as to how that price is to be determined; it is doubtful whether this is not the most important question of all, for most people will part with their land at some figure. The question of the amount of compensation involves others of some difficulty as no one knows better than yourself; the Council is represented by one of its officials well versed in these questions and armed with an intimate knowledge of all previous cases; and when attempts are made as now to establish practices of rules beyond the simple provision of the Regulation I think it only reasonable that a landowner should be entitled to employ counsel to state his side of the case if he wishes to do so.

Besides these considerations and apart from them I do wish to employ

counsel and that being so I think some valid reason should be disclosed by the Council for the exclusion of lawyers from these inquiries. I can see no sufficient reason; it has been objected that lawyers will seek to introduce technicalities of law and procedure and would merely confuse and delay matters; I find it difficult to believe this and I doubt very much whether they would make any such attempt, but, if they should, the advisability or otherwise of adopting any course so suggested is always a question for the Commissioners, who have a simple remedy by refusing to listen to such argument—indeed I see no reason why the Commissioners should not, like any arbitrators, require those who appear before them to confine themselves to particular questions. I hardly think this argument will greatly weigh with you. It appears to me that what I ask carries with it no real disadvantage in any case; on the other hand in some cases it might well be of assistance to the Commissioners and in most cases it would be an undoubted advantage to the landowner.

This appears to me so clear and I feel so strongly on the subject that you will, I hope, excuse me if I say that I think it would be in the nature of an injustice to refuse to hear counsel appointed by a landowner to represent him.

I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

E. JENNER HOGG.

F. ANDERSON, Esq.,

Chairman, Land Commission.

Council Room,

Shanghai, November 23, 1908.

* SIR,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of November 10, enclosing for the Council's opinion a copy of a letter from Mr. E. J. Hogg on the question of the representation of parties appearing before the Commissioners by counsel.

In reply thereto I am directed to state that the Council has formed the view that the refusal to admit lawyers unless a point of law is raised, which has hitherto characterised the Commission proceedings, is in keeping with the tone of the Regulation under which the Commission is constituted, and that the procedure has almost without exception worked with smoothness and satisfaction during eight years.

Were the contrary view held by the leading landowners, such as Mr. Lester, the Sassoon firms, the Land Investment Company, and the numerous owners represented by Messrs. Ward, Probst & Co., Hanson, McNeill and Jones, and W. Scott, the matter would present a different aspect. Such, however, is not, within the Council's knowledge, the case.

So far as the statement of a case is concerned this is invariably done in the preliminary correspondence with the Council, which may if desired be suitably conducted by lawyers on behalf of the owner. Beyond the facts therein stated and the arguments therein adduced the chief requisites making for an equitable award appear to be (i) knowledge of land values, (ii) knowledge of the locality concerned and of its history and development, and (iii) knowledge of local practice governing land tenure and assessment. These three attributes are among the stock-in-trade of local firms of land agents, architects, and civil engineers, of whom there are many, and who customarily represent owners who are unable or unwilling to appear in person.

What was in the minds of the Special Committee of Ratepayers who were responsible for drawing up the Regulation cannot very precisely be known, but the text lends colour to the view that it was their aim to provide a simple means of settlement of cases where the Council and landowners disagreed, without recourse to ordinary legal proceedings or other formalities such as the intervention of lawyers would foreshadow.

So important a point of procedure as representation by counsel, had it been in their minds, would surely have been mentioned in the Regulation; and its very omission justifies the belief that it was their intention that lawyers should not be admitted. This view is emphasized by the fact that the Regulation provides that when first appearing before the Council on the general question of a road improvement's desirability or necessity, owners may appear "by proxy," but does not so provide in the case of appearance before the Commission.

Upon the introduction, either by the Council or by the parties, of any point in character legal the Commission may, as in the past, obtain the advice and assistance which lawyers are qualified to give.

The Municipal Engineer, reporting to the Council on the subject, points out that the Regulation was to a great extent framed by the late Mr. Morrison,

with whom he had many conversations in regard to it. He states that it was intended to afford the Ratepayers a simple, common-sense, and inexpensive tribunal before which to state their cases, and that the legal machinery brought into play at home, with its heavy expenses, was to be avoided.

Mr. Mayne proceeds :—

"At home the arbitrator, as a rule, is a highly trained expert in land matters and counsel with a considerable number of highly expert witnesses appear before him. Here, the Commissioners are not necessarily conversant with land matters, and, moreover, change frequently. The introduction of 'professional pleaders' would only be for the purpose of 'pleading'. The cases are quite well and simply stated by the professional surveyors, etc., and I think it is better in every way that the Commissioners should deal with them direct, instead of through counsel. In any case, counsel would have to be instructed by a surveyor and double expense would be incurred. It is stated that the question of compensation involves others of some difficulty, and that the Council is represented by one of its officials well versed in these questions and armed with an intimate knowledge of all previous cases. I think that the best professional surveyors here are equally well versed, and they have very full access to all previous cases and decisions. In regard to prices actually paid, leases, etc., which are, after all, the main points in settling compensation they naturally have better information. It seems to me that the present system works very well and in the way it was intended, and that it would not be in the best interests of the Ratepayers, or the Commissioners themselves, to alter it."

As pointed out in the Council's letter to the Commission of December 9, 1901, there have been frequent instances in local courts of law wherein the admittedly loose drawing of the Land Regulations has exposed that code to adverse critical analysis by members of the legal profession. While, therefore, the Land Regulations, the charter under which the Settlement is administered, remain in their present form, and while the procedure in vogue thereunder in land matters continues to lead to equitable decisions, especially in cases where strict application of legal forms might involve the contrary, the change now suggested appears to the Council highly to be deprecated.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. E. LEVISON,

Secretary.

F. ANDERSON, Esq.,

Chairman,

Land Commissioners 1908-9.

Ruinous Buildings.

With reference to the recent collapse of certain native houses in the Eastern District, resulting in the death of five and injury to a number of the inmates, the Council has given careful consideration to the whole question of the existence and inspection of dangerous structures in the Settlement and to its responsibility in the matter.

Bye-law XX attached to the Land Regulations sets out the procedure which shall be followed in the event of any building or wall being deemed by the Municipal Engineer to be in a ruinous state and dangerous to passengers or to occupiers of the neighbourhood, but it is recognized that, under the conditions which obtain locally, it is impossible for an actual search to be made for ruinous buildings, even were such search to be considered a part of the Council's functions and not within the province of property owners upon whom the responsibility very largely rests.

The Council does recognize, however, that strong action should be taken immediately upon receipt of any notification, either from the owners or occupiers themselves, or from a responsible member of the community, or from any of its employees whose duties bring them into touch with properties throughout the Settlement, that any structure constitutes a menace to the occupiers or the general public.

To this end the procedure at present obtaining will be rigorously enforced. This involves the serving of a preliminary notice to the effect that a structure has been reported as unsound and requesting that the matter be remedied forthwith. After an interval, which depends upon the state of the building, a second notice is served, and within a further seven days a final notice, after which proceedings are instituted. It is recorded that in no instance during recent years has the final notice been required.

Apart from this procedure the Council directs that particular attention be paid by the Public Works Department to any buildings which are notified as appearing to be in a dilapidated condition, thus enabling a suspected property to be kept under observation, and that all such buildings be immediately reported to the Public Works Office by such of the Municipal staff generally as are brought into contact with native houses while in the execution of their duties.

It cannot, however, be too strongly urged that the primary responsibility rests with the property owners or occupiers themselves, and that any system of inspection on the part of the Council will fail without the cordial co-operation of the individual residents in the Settlement.

Electricity Department.

Gratuity to the family of the late J. B. Roach.—Upon the recommendation of the Electricity Committee, a special gratuity of Tls. 2,000, over and above the amount accumulated in the Superannuation Fund, is authorized for issue in recognition of this employee's fifteen years' work in the Council's service.

The meeting adjourns at 6.25 p.m.

Health Department

Notification of Infectious Disease.

The following have been reported during the week ending Sunday November 22, 1908.	Death among Chinese population of 530,000	Cases notified among Non-Chinese population of 14,500.
Small pox.	0	0
Cholera.	0	0
Typhoid Fever	—	5
Diphtheria.	2	0
Scarlet Fever.	0	3
Tuberculosis	13	0
Total Deaths from all Causes	132	0

ARTHUR STANLEY,

Health Officer.

Public Band.

Public Performances.—Until further notice, performances will be given every Sunday at 4.30 p.m. and every Wednesday and Friday at 5.30 p.m.: on Fridays the programme will consist of dance music.

The programme for Sunday next is as follows:—

- 1.—Overture—"Le Caid"..... Thomas
- 2.—(a) Entr'acte and Valse
from Ballet "Coppelia" } Delibes
(b) "Les Chasseresses"
from Ballet "Sylvia" }
- 3.—Selection—"La Bohème" Puccini
- 4.—Theme with Variations from Suite No. 3, in G ... Tchaikowsky
- 5.—Violin Solo—"Hejre Kati" Hubay
Mr. Schulze-Reudnitz
- 6.—March—"The Bojars" Halvorsen
Conductor, Mr. R. Buck.

Electrical Engineer's Report for August and September.

Generation.—The steam-raising plant in the Station has been maintained in good order. The mechanical coal and ash conveyor has been working very satisfactorily and economies have already been effected by its use.

In the engine-room the generating machinery is in good order and the more economic working effected some months ago has been maintained.

Distribution.

High-tension Feeders.—In August 2.1 miles and in September 1.07 miles of high-tension feeder extensions were made as under:—

Extensions:—

Ward Road 2,854 yds. .022 vul. cab.
Gordon Road 1,890 " .022 "

Enlargement:—

Woosung Road 880 " .022 "

Low-tension Distributors.—In August 2 miles of low-tension mains were erected whilst in September the length was 1.72 miles.

Details as under:—

Extensions:—

Burkill Road 340 yds. .034 bare cab.
Chekiang Road 432 " .034 "
Szechuen Road 180 " .022 "
Wayside & Chusan Rds 360 " .034 "
Love Lane 255 " .034 "
Bubbling Well Road 134 " .060 "
Ward Road 300 " .034 "
do. 295 " .030 "
Pekin Road 160 " .060 "
Gordon Road 120 " .034 "
Markham Road 690 " .058 "
Haiphong Road 1,018 " .022 "
Shantung Road 930 " .034 "
Chekiang Road 132 " .022 "

Enlargements:—

Szechuen Road 940 yds. .060 bare cab.
Low-tension Feeders enlarged:—
Nanking Road 390 yds. .124 bare cab.
do. 210 " .094 "

Public Lighting.—5.7 miles of .020 bare wire was run for a new public lighting main. This circuit follows the tramway routes in Canton, Hoopoh, Chekiang and Chefoo Roads.

Twenty additional street arc lamps were erected in September.

Sub-Stations.—Berry automatic series control switchgear has been installed in the North Szechuen Road Extension sub-station, and in the sub-station between the Race Club and Country Club.

In Ward Road an oil cooled 10 K.W. pole transformer was erected. A similar transformer was also erected at the end of Gordon Road near the Soochow Creek.

Markham Road Sub-Station.—The capacity of this sub-station has been increased from 10 to 20 K.W. The distribution mains radiating from it are now arranged for three wire distribution, 200 + 200 volts.

Medhurst Road Sub-Station.—The capacity of this sub-station has been increased from 60 to 75 K.W. It has also been equipped with Berry series control switchgear.

Motors.—In August one motor of 6.5 horse-power was connected to the mains. In September 5 motors aggregating 21.5 horse power were connected. There are now 82 motors connected to the mains aggregating 523 horse-power. This shows an increase of 168 h.p. since January.

Coal.—The coal consumption has been kept well down. For August 5.34-lb. per unit generated 6.21-lb. per unit sold; September 5.37-lb. per unit generated 5.92 per unit sold. For the same periods last the figures were respectively 8.67-lb. and 12.35-lb.; and 8.21-lb. and 10.73-lb.

Units Generated.—The units generated were 467,678 in August; and in September 460,460.

Units Sold.—The units sold and accounted for were 401,972 and 417,340.

In the comparative table it may be noticed that the units used at the Works are much higher this year than last. This is explained by the extended use of motors for driving auxiliary machinery in the Works. The condensing plant for the traction generators is entirely motor driven.

Ratio.—The ratio between units generated and units sold was 85.93 per cent and 90.63 per cent. At the same time last year the ratios were respectively only 70.17 per cent and 76.47 per cent.

Oil.—The oil used was 162 gallons and 145 gallons in August and September respectively.

Water.—The water bill for the two months under report shows a saving of Tls. 179 over the same period last year.

	COMPARATIVE TABLE			
	Aug. 1908	Aug. 1907	Sept. 1908	Sept. 1907
Total Lamps connected	163,724	123,415	167,116	125,353
Total Horse Power in Motors	501.45	306.95	522.95	301.95
Units Generated	467,678	317,760	460,460	284,372
Units Sold and Accounted for	401,972	222,997	417,340	217,468
Private Lighting	180,255	167,941	178,156	161,662
Public Lighting	32,040	35,846	37,389	38,215
Power (motors)	15,623	13,152	12,328	11,990
Traction	153,793	—	167,894	—
Used at Works, etc.	20,261	6,058	21,536	5,601
Ratio	85.93%	70.17%	90.63%	76.47%
Coal per unit generated in lb.	5.34	5.37	5.37	8.21
Coal per unit sold in lb.	6.21	12.35	5.92	10.73
Revenue	Tls. 36,779	Tls. 28,220	Tls. 37,091	Tls. 27,627
Expenditure	30,978	25,258	31,172	24,661
Profit	5,801	2,962	5,919	2,966
Total profit to date	51,197	19,535	58,215	22,501

Financial.—The profit made from month to month continues to be well maintained. It is to be remembered that the price obtained for the traction supply is now lower (4.6 candareens per unit) and therefore less direct profit is obtained from that source. As compared with last September the profit to date is greater by nearly Tls. 36,000.

General.—The erection of the new steam superheater is completed. This superheater will be put into use during

next month (November) when a further reduction in the coal consumption may be expected.

The new 800 K. W. Willans-Peebles turbo alternator has been erected and has satisfactorily passed its trial tests.

A CO² recorder has been installed in the boiler-house for measuring the percentage of carbon di-oxide in the furnace gases of the various boilers. By its use a better control is kept on the manner of stoking the boilers and more efficient operation of the boilers and economical use of coal results.

T. H. U. ALDRIDGE,
Electrical Engineer.

Engineer's Report for October.

Works in Progress.—New quarters for foreigners, Hongkew Police Station. Extra storey to Guard-room at Gaol. Inspector's quarters, Wayside Police Station. Alterations to old Godown at Electricity Works. Removal and enlargement of Sinza Market. Native Police Hospital adjoining Victoria Nursing Home. Forming and culverting Ferry Road from Sinza Road to Robison Road. Diverting creek and forming Hart Road from Sinza Road to Connaught Road. Laying 1-ft. 6-in. by 1-ft. 0-in. concrete sewer, brickins, and metalling Myburgh Road from Burkill Road to Avenue Road. Laying 1-ft. 6-in. by 1-ft. 0-in. concrete sewer along Sinza Road from Carter Road to Medhurst Road. Raising and forming Manila Road east of Chungking Road. Constructing timber bunding along Markham Road. Concrete bunding at north-west side of Chekiang Road Bridge. Laying 3-ft. by 2-ft. sewer along North Honan Road. Laying 1-ft. 6-in. by 1-ft. 0-in. sewer along Miller Road. Bricking and metalling Tongshan Road from Dent Road to Singkeipang Road. Native Latrines at the Tramway Termini at Yangtsepoo and Rifle Range. Making up North Thibet Road north of Kaifeng Road. Making up Dixwell Road north of East Yalu Road. Building retaining walls to rail track at Pingchiao Quarry.

Works Finally Completed.—New cells, Sinza Police Station. Replacing two existing bridges along Robison Road one by reinforced concrete culvert, and one by 4-ft. 6-in. diameter tubes. Constructing reinforced concrete culvert to Yung Zeen Pang at the south-west corner of Bubbling Well Road and Seymour Road junction. Repairing deck to Foochow Road pontoon. Renewing planking and painting pontoon of Nanking Road Jetty. Painting interior and exterior of Fogg's pontoon. Native latrine at the Bubbling Well Tramway terminus. Laying 2-ft. 3-in. by 1-ft. 0-in. concrete sewer along North Chekiang Road. Making up Alcock Road between Kwenming Road and Ward Road. Repairs to bunding at "Point." Repairs to Yangtsepoo Bridge.

Plans Completed.—Re-erection of Dog Kennels at the Western Police Depot. Plan and Section for Miller Road sewer. Plan and Section for

Haining Road sewer. Plan, Section and Details for Baikal Road concrete culvert.

Cleansing.—Sixty-two cartloads of garbage, 3,068 cartloads of road detritus, and 2,476 cartloads of gully deposit were collected during the month.

Quarry.—2,090 tons of road materials have been received during the month from the Council's Quarry. 917 and 750 tons of road materials were dispatched from the Quarry for account of the French Municipal Council during September and October respectively.

Concrete Ware.—The following concrete ware has been made at the Council's Hongkew Depot during the month:—

Hand made 1,326 pieces
Machine made 2,978 „

Total 4,304

Creeks and River.—2,632 tons of mud from Defence Creek, 516 tons from the Yangkingpang, and 5,951 tons of mud have been dredged and removed from the mouth of the Soochow Creek between the Garden Bridge and the Whangpoo River, during the month.

Dangerous Structures.—21 notes, and 10 second notices as to dangerous structures have been issued.

New Buildings.—Twenty-nine sets of plans for 289 new buildings were approved during October, and of these ten sets were submitted by foreigners and nineteen by Chinese.

The following table shows lengths of drains of various sizes laid on private property by the Department during the month:—

Heading.	Unit.	Districts.				Total
		W.	C.	N.	E.	
12" Pipe Drain	ft. run	—	—	28	—	28
9" Pipe Drain	"	32	56	58	64	210
6" Pipe Drain	"	30	—	28	2	60
4" Pipe Drain	"	—	—	2	—	2
Manholes	Nos.	4	2	4	3	13
Main drain connexions ...	"	2	2	4	3	11

Survey Work.—Official measurements of new land lots attended during the month..... 69
Cadastral certificates issued 47
Consular lots surveyed 22
Surveys made in connexion with road widenings and/or extensions. 31
Lots examined to ascertain whether they included roads or waterways which are or may in future be of use to the public 64

M. C. R. stones have been erected as follows:—

Central District	7 stones.
Eastern „	29 „
Western „	17 „
Total	53 „

Miscellaneous.—The average number of labourers employed during the month, exclusive of contract work, has been 2,036 as against 1,807 during October 1907.

Works Completed on Road Widenings and Extensions.—Works have been completed on Shanse Road, Peking Road, Avenue Road, Hart Road, Ferry Road, Haiphong Road, Baikal Road, Tongshan Road, Lay Road, Haining Road, North Thibet Road, Alabaster Road, and North Szechuen Road, as shown by the following table:—

Heading	Unit.	Districts				Total.
		W.	C.	N.	E.	
<i>Drainage.</i>						
3'0" Culverts laid	ft. run	30			80	110
6" Drains laid	"		12	24		36
Street gullies laid	Nos.		2	2		4
Brick manholes constructed	"				1	1
Retaining walls constructed	"	2				2
<i>Roads.</i>						
Bricking	ft. sup.			4901		4901
Metalling	"	594			11940	12534
Kerb and channel laid	ft. run			983		983
Kerb and channel relaid ...	"		218			218
Channel (Soochow granite) ..	"			110		110
Chippaved carriageways laid	ft. sup.		6535			6535
Forming	"	214000				214000
<i>Footpavements.</i>						
Concrete paving laid	ft. sup.			4319		4319
Chippaved footways laid ...	"			445		445

Works Completed on Existing Roads.—The following is a tabulated statement of the different works completed during the month:—

Heading	Unit.	Districts				Total.
		W.	C.	N.	E.	
<i>Drainage.</i>						
Tidal ditches cleaned ...	ft. run	18668			1150	19818
Sewers cleaned ...	"		2262			2262
2'3" x 1'6" Sewers laid ...	"			597		597
9" Sewers laid ...	"			24		24
6" drains laid ...	"	42	112	20		174
Street gullies laid ...	Nos.	2	29			31
Street gullies renewed ...	"			10		10
Brick manholes constructed	"		7	3		10
<i>Roads.</i>						
Metalling ...	ft. sup.	92371	59527		6478	158376
Tar macadam laid ...	"			129754		129754
Kerb and channel laid ...	ft. run			797		797
Kerb and channel relaid ...	"		312	486		798
Channel laid Soochow granite	"			20		20
Chippaved margins laid ...	ft. sup.	63		160	52	275
Chippaved margins relaid ...	"		3750	2191		5941
Chippaved carriageways relaid	"	4871		14949		19820
Rolling and sanding ...	ft. run	57140		119810	38640	215590
Macadam roads repaired ...	"		4504	2592	32	7128
<i>Footpavement.</i>						
Concrete paving laid ...	"		1502	900	5122	7524
Concrete paving repaired ...	"	30		960		990
Tar paving repaired ...	"	1816			204	2020
Chippaved footways repaired	"			359		359
<i>Miscellaneous.</i>						
Fire hydrants erected ...	Nos.	8				8
Street nameplates fixed	"				7	7
Gas, water and other trenches opened ...	"			573	121	694
Telephone poles erected ...	"	20	18			38
Electricity poles erected ...	"		10			10

CHAS. MAYNE, Engineer & Surveyor.

Departmental Report of the Superintendent of Parks and Open Spaces to the Municipal Engineer for November.

The frequent rainfall which occurred throughout the month rendered the lawns unsuitable for playing on, consequently they were not so much in use. The effects of this unseasonable moisture on vegetation generally was to incite the dormant buds in many species into action, thereby causing a pseudo second growth, whilst its action on such flowers as chrysanthemums has been detrimental.

Reserve Garden.—The repainting of the hot-houses with one exception has been completed and the winter flowering plants have been arranged in suitable quarters. The completion of the planting of the recently laid-out flower beds was effected.

Public Gardens.—Some of the vacant beds were planted with chrysanthemums.

Quinsan Square.—The angles formed by the paths at the entrances are being planted with evergreen shrubs. This alteration was undertaken as, owing to the shade of the trees in those spots, turf refused to grow, with the result that in two months after fresh turf was laid, the vicinity of the entrances was

devoid of verdure, and in wet weather absolutely muddy. The planting operations being undertaken can hardly be said to infringe on the available space as they simply constitute a rounding-off of sharp angles whilst the alteration will give green banks of subarborescent vegetation instead of bare and muddy patches.

Hongkew Recreation Ground.—As the recently raised portions required a little time to consolidate, very little new work has been undertaken. A commencement to the laying-out of a bowling green and the shrubbery borders will be made during the coming month. The golf greens have been daily rolled and sanded and are now in fair condition for playing. About twenty games of golf have been played on them.

Nurseries.—A commencement to the clearing of a section of the Bubbling Well Nursery (which is required for Cemetery Extension) has been undertaken. The small nursery on Markham Road required for a stone-yard is nearly clear. Eighty packets of seeds have been sown in Siccawei Road nursery and staking of young trees constitutes the chief work in Hungjao Road nursery.

Flowering plants planted during the month:—

Reserve Garden.....	2,565
Public Garden	770
Chinese Public Garden	80
Quinsan Square.....	68
Hongkew Recreation Ground	25
Council Compound	70
Victoria Nursing Home ...	30
Municipal Hospital	180
Chinese Public School	240
Bubbling Well Police St.	500
Sinza Police Station	300
Harbin Road Police St. ...	50

4,878

Trees fastened.

Bubbling Well Road ...	230
Medhurst Road	27
Seymour Road	87
Ferry Road	103
Nanyang Road	39
Avenue Road	102
Annam Road	10
Markham Road	25
Gordon Road	395
Kiaochow Road	98
Ichang Road	169
Yangtsepoo Road.....	190
Ferry Road	124

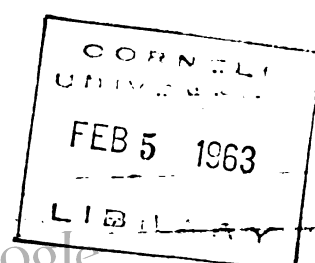
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D. MacGREGOR,
Superintendent.

Summary of Revenue for October.

Description	Estimate	1908			1907			1906		
		Number	Amount	Total from January 1.	Number	Amount	Total from January 1.	Number	Amount	Total from January 1.
	Tls.		Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.		Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.		Tls. cts.	Tls. cts.
LAND TAX.....	883,520	—	70,777.93	682,409.74	—	25,085.52	449,153.53	—	6,404.03	400,168.29
GENERAL MUNICIPAL RATE—										
Foreign.....	443,000	—	43,819.79	373,554.55	—	41,700.57	305,078.48	—	28,180.77	266,945.76
Native.....	868,000	—	61,570.01	534,658.42	—	61,835.77	467,786.54	—	63,438.56	438,764.33
WHARFAGE DUES.....	175,000	—	—	121,249.41	—	—	139,623.19	—	—	156,349.41
LICENSE FEES—										
Foreign Hotel and Tavern..	6,500	21	1,580.00	6,169.08	20	1,233.75	5,385.25	23	1,338.75	5,804.67
Foreign Liquor Seller	18,500	111	4,453.33	18,303.04	114	4,533.33	18,677.19	119	4,728.85	18,835.26
Restaurant	4,700	38	1,140.00	4,730.00	38	1,140.00	4,650.00	39	1,170.00	5,140.00
Billiard and Bowling Saloon	700	24	156.03	667.50	24	183.00	684.00	24	171.00	631.00
Native Lodging-house	5,800	352	1,734.00	6,590.23	338	1,212.11	4,718.53	299	1,084.70	4,251.89
Native Wine-shop	9,500	498	1,980.00	9,246.96	250	889.50	6,536.57	322	1,054.41	6,575.34
Tea-shop	5,700	581	545.23	4,879.84	547	487.92	4,496.84	515	475.17	4,443.78
Foreign Theatre	1,200	12	197.00	1,749.00	14	181.00	1,265.35	9	52.00	1,126.50
Native Theatre	3,000	22	372.00	3,061.00	26	258.00	2,290.50	23	213.00	2,008.00
Pawn-shop	17,500	—	—	13,124.94	—	—	13,492.24	—	—	11,359.56
Opium-shop	4,000	131	623.00	4,510.20	87	346.80	3,581.84	106	433.80	4,595.26
Opium-house	58,000	1,005	3,336.90	42,045.09	1,492	4,938.82	51,160.77	1,696	5,530.27	54,216.11
Cargo Boat	5,800	756	454.85	4,364.37	914	501.00	4,778.36	909	518.66	4,973.55
Ferry or Passenger Boat ...	1,100	63	92.35	917.39	59	81.19	985.66	71	104.51	974.55
Steam Launch.....	2,200	164	433.12	2,105.28	113	404.76	2,050.87	94	369.06	1,709.92
Native Boat.....	3,800	1,525	293.29	3,099.31	1,691	353.33	3,227.61	1,634	338.54	3,236.31
Sampan.....	1,600	190	102.24	1,236.73	127	93.50	1,384.81	180	132.31	1,634.46
Private-owned Pony and Carriage	14,000	P. 938 C. 721	3,411.58	14,663.14	P. 985 C. 778	2,433.62	11,631.33	P. 1027 C. 851	2,637.95	11,429.83
Livery Stable	25,000	P. 731 C. 501	2,182.51	23,311.76	P. 786 C. 614	2,373.67	24,937.54	P. 887 C. 707	2,737.08	27,565.26
Motor Car.....	2,100	99	576.00	2,366.34	95	398.79	1,479.32	67	296.35	1,033.03
Cart	17,000	1,030	1,273.96	13,620.24	1,088	1,386.89	14,306.24	1,057	1,333.08	13,559.85
Private-owned Ricscha	40,000	4,377	9,827.06	36,567.70	5,114	7,485.77	31,013.35	5,183	7,635.70	30,979.08
Public Ricscha	95,000	8,295	9,124.99	89,016.69	8,078	8,856.68	90,035.86	8,078	8,924.36	88,796.01
Sedan-chair	5,800	561	1,244.58	5,365.91	639	1,405.64	5,680.30	682	1,521.31	6,638.66
Wheel-barrow	37,000	6,651	2,472.51	27,885.91	6,898	2,421.16	30,821.68	6,933	2,808.70	28,259.70
Firearms	10,000	6	675.00	2,025.00	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dog	800	60	44.10	922.29	36	26.68	787.55	40	29.64	871.95
RENT OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTIES—										
Markets.....	35,000	3,221	3,181.60	29,833.98	2,882	2,983.03	26,285.83	2,338	2,353.35	22,697.46
Town Hall	1,000	—	—	295.00	—	—	2,741.00	—	—	697.28
Firemen's Quarters.....	1,400	—	181.00	1,389.00	—	110.00	1,220.00	—	185.00	1,414.00
Cadastral Lot 168 C.	700	—	—	700.00	—	350.00	3,063.60	—	—	—
FROM PUBLIC COMPANIES—										
Gas Co., Ltd.....	6,000	—	506.83	4,928.38	—	486.62	4,164.14	—	—	—
Mutual Telephone Co., Ltd...	7,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Electric Construction Co., Ltd.	15,000	—	—	7,176.81	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total Tls.	2,428,920		228,142.80	2,093,740.23		176,648.22	1,739,174.87		152,200.91	1,627,735.86

A. JOHNSFORD, Overseer of Taxes.



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MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1930.

PUBLIC SCHOOL.

EVENING CLASSES.

LECTURES and instruction will be given in the following subjects, provided sufficient students present themselves for the formation of classes :—

1. English.
2. Elementary Algebra.
3. Practical Mathematics.
4. Machine Drawing and Design.
5. Mechanical Engineering Course.
6. Elementary Physics.
7. Commercial Arithmetic.
8. Book-keeping and Office Routine.
9. Botany.
10. Chemistry.
11. Needlework.
12. Building, Construction and Drawing.
13. Freehand and Model Drawing.
14. Hygiene.
15. First Aid.
16. Home Nursing.

The Syllabus and all other information may be obtained on application to the Headmaster at the School, Chapoo Road.

Intending students are requested to send in their names before October 31.

A fee of \$5 per mensem for one subject, and \$3 per mensem for each additional subject, will be charged.

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,

Council Room, *Secretary.*
Shanghai, October 20, 1908.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1933.

COAL SUPPLY.

THE Council is prepared to receive tenders for one year's supply of coal for use in the Municipal Offices, Police Stations, Hospitals, etc., from January 1, 1909.

The annual requirements consist of about 1100 tons of Japanese House Coal and about 300 tons of Anthracite, and tenderers should quote for retail delivery in small quantities as and where required.

Tenders will be received by the undersigned not later than 4 o'clock p.m. on Tuesday, December 8, 1908, and should be marked "Tender for Coal."

The Council does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender, or to pay any expenses which the contractor may incur in tendering. The contractor whose tender is eventually accepted may be required to give satisfactory security for the due performance of the contract.

The names of tenderers, with the prices quoted, will be published for general information.

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, November 20, 1908.

AT the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, November 25, 1908, at 4.30 p.m., there are present :
Messrs. D. Landale (*Chairman*)

A. W. Burkill
W. D. Little
H. A. J. Macray
R. S. F. McBain
J. H. McMichael
O. Meuser
W. A. C. Platt
J. Prentice
The Secretary and
Assistant Secretary.

Death of the Emperor of China and of the Empress-Dowager.

The following reply from the Taotai in acknowledgment of the Council's condolences, forwarded by the Senior Consul, is read and ordered for publication :—

Shanghai, November 24, 1908.

SIR,—I have the honour to send you, herewith, copy and translation of the Taotai's reply to my letter transmitting the Council's condolence, on the

occasion of the death of Emperor of China and Empress-Dowager.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

D. SIFFERT,
*Consul-General for Belgium,
and Senior Consul.*

D. LANDALE, Esq.,
Chairman, Municipal Council.

Translation of letter from the Taotai to the Senior Consul, dated November 23, 1908.

The Taotai is in receipt of the Senior Consul's communication to the effect that the Municipal Council has written, stating that upon learning of the death of Their Imperial Majesties, the Emperor and Empress-Dowager, in the desire duly to express their sympathy the members at their meeting on Wednesday last, recorded a resolution of condolence and deep regret at the sad news.

The Taotai regards this communication as proof of the increasing friendliness of the members of Council, and of their participation and sympathy on this occasion, is very much moved thereby.

He has, therefore, in reply to beg the Senior Consul to communicate this for the Council's information accordingly, thus greatly obliging.

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Volunteers.

Mounted Infantry.—Upon the recommendation of the Commandant a commission is authorized for issue to Mr. C. E. Copplestone as Lieutenant to command the Company.

Japanese Yarn Lottery.

It is reported that the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, when approached as a result of the Council's decision published with the minutes of October 21, have informed the Legal Adviser that after careful consideration they are of opinion that since the procedure consists only of distribution of coupons to purchasers of yarn gratis, it is not within the category of lotteries. In the desire, however, to do nothing in opposition to the Council's wishes, and in deference thereto, the firm has communicated with the Japanese Cotton Spinners Association on the subject, and, since the consensus of opinion in this body is apparently becoming adverse to the system which has been inaugurated, there is stated to be strong probability that it will be discontinued at the end of the year. The Council decides therefore to take no further action in the matter, pending receipt of the Association's reply.

Mixed Court.

Case of Detention in the City.—The following letter addressed to the Consular Body, in accordance with the Council's recent decision, is ordered for publication :—

Council Room,
Shanghai, November 16, 1908.

SIR,—I have the honour to bring to the notice of the Consular Body the contents of the following Police Report :—

"Mr. Figueiredo of Figueiredo Bros. reported that Chiu Shun-cho Manager of Shun Ching & Co., No. 120 Canton Road having been asked to see the manager of a native bank on the Chinese Bund to which he was heavily indebted, was, after going there, given into the custody of native runners from the Chihsien's yamen, who are now detaining him in a teashop in the City. Mr. Figueiredo visited him there and ascertained from him that he was being detained at the instance of the native bank."

It is clear that if a native resident, knowing that he owes money or is in other trouble, and not induced by runners or other native underlings, but deceived by private persons, goes of his own free will to a place far beyond the sphere of the Settlement's protection, his subsequent arrest is, in itself, not a matter for complaint; and it would be without purpose to request the Consular

Body to occupy itself with the probably fruitless task of pressing for his release.

On the other hand, knowledge that their prisoner is a resident of the Settlement would have deterred the yamen in question from making this arrest, if there had ever been willingness on the part of the native authorities to co-operate in the Council's efforts to preserve the measure of regularity in local procedure already attained, and to diminish where possible the evils which result from haphazard methods.

Where willingness to persevere in working to this end is on one side only, causes of petty friction will never be lacking, and the difficulties which have latterly been experienced on the Settlement's boundaries are thus easily explained. This, therefore, is the aspect of the incident which, in the Council's opinion, ought not to be lost sight of, and I trust that the Consular Body in informing the Taotai of the facts will bring these views to his notice.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

DAVID LANDALE.

Chairman.

D. SIFFERT, Esq.,

Consul-General for Belgium,
and Senior Consul.

The National Mourning.

The Senior Consul has forwarded a proclamation by the Mixed Court Magistrate relating to observances in connection with the national mourning, and, with the approval of the Watch Committee, the document has been stamped and posted.

Shanghai, November 19, 1908.

SIR,—I have the honour to forward to you under this cover, three copies of a proclamation, by the Mixed Court Magistrate, concerning the mourning ceremonies in connexion with the deaths of the Emperor Kuang Hsü and the Empress-Dowager Tsu Hsi, proclamation countersigned and stamped with the Senior Consul's seal, and to be posted in the Settlement.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

D. SIFFERT,

Consul-General for Belgium,
and Senior Consul.

D. LANDALE, Esq.,

Chairman, Municipal Council.

Translation of Proclamation by the Mixed Court Magistrate, dated November 16, 1908.

Pao, Mixed Court Magistrate, with civil rank of the fourth grade, etc., proclaims, and notifies the public that he is in receipt of a dispatch from the Taotai to the effect that "on November 14 in the afternoon H.M. The Emperor ascended upon the dragon as a guest on high, and that the issue of the ceremonial dispatch must be awaited: further it would appear that by established precedent, a yellow death card will be reverently cut and printed by the Board of Rites for issue to all Boards and Superior Courts, the Yaméns of the Eight Banner Corps, Shun Tien Fu, and similar places: while those for the subordinate Yaméns of Shengking, The New Dominion, and the Yaméns of Military Commandants of garrisons and so forth, will all be handed to the Board of War for issue. In respect to the Yaméns of the various Provincial Governors, a deputy will, in accordance with precedent, be commissioned to take the ceremonial dispatch, and in each province upon the date of its arrival, the civil and military officials, leading the notables and elders, their hat-tassels cut off, and wearing mourning clothes, will go forth and receive it kneeling. They shall then proceed to the principal public office, and depositing it there, perform the ceremony of three genuflections and nine kowtows, and after they have listened to the contents read aloud, they will at once raise the cry of mourning, and again perform the ceremony of three genuflections and nine kowtows.

"The civil and military officials will change to mourning clothes for 27 days, and morning and evening during three days will raise the cry of mourning at the head of the notables and others. Women of the official class are also to wear mourning for 27 days. In each province the officials during 100 days are to make no music. Officials, military and people, beginning from the day of the Imperial decease, will one and all shave their heads for 100 days. Give orders for compliance accordingly."

On receipt of this dispatch the Magistrate has accordingly to proclaim and notify the public, looking to the notables, merchants, military and people of the Settlement, in uniform compliance, beginning from November 16, to cut off hat-tassels, change to mourning clothes, not shave their heads, not make music, and cease marriages;—the theatres also temporarily stopping performances, and the brothels, music and singing; awaiting the time of arrival of the ceremonial dispatch, whereupon a further pro-

clamation will be issued for compliance. Do not disobey. A special proclamation.

Public Lighting.

Northern District.—Revised plan, with estimate, of the lighting arrangements in the Northern District, is submitted and approved. The scheme, in general development of that sanctioned in 1905, makes provision in connexion with the completion of the tramway system and the adaptation to practical use of the metallic filament lamp. Its execution will tend towards uniformity between this and the remaining districts.

Details approved for immediate execution include the erection of arc lamps upon all tramway routes, upon the North Soochow, North Yangtze and Fearon Roads, and the general lighting of the North Szechuen Road Extension from the Settlement Boundary to the entrance to the Hongkew Recreation Ground.

Further details include the use of metallic filament lamps upon branch roads, and the substitution of this class of lamp for the existing incandescent lamps in the Haining Road.

Seymour Road.—Report with plan in respect to the lighting of this road is submitted and approved, involving the erection of seven metallic filament lamps at an annual cost of Tls. 210.

Great Western Road.—Two electric lamps, at an annual cost of Tls. 60, will be erected in this road between the Seymour and Ferry Roads.

Chapoo Road Bridge Approach.—Report is submitted upon the lighting of this space. The Council approves of the proposed improvements, which involve the alteration in position of three gas lamps at a cost of \$22, and the erection of three electric lamps at an annual cost of Tls. 200.

Municipal Properties.

Police Eastern Depot.—With reference to the Council's decision as to the purchase of a second depot for the Eastern District, details of which are published on page 152 of the Annual Report for 1907, the acquisition of the site at the corner of the Kalgan and Yochow (Extension 31) Roads from the following holdings is reported as complete:—

	Mow	Tls.
Cadastral Lot 1318	10,070	17,000
Italian Consular Lot 154	4,800 at Tls. 1,900 per mow	9,120
	1,701	2,000
Unregistered land	2,559	2,000
		5,118
	Mow 19,130	Tls. 34,640

Of the above area Mow 1.65 is required for the Yochow Road, and upon the northern side a small frontage strip of surplus land is left measuring Mow 1.71.

Road Extensions and Widenings.

Dalny and Wayside Roads.—A suggested deviation of the Dalny Road at its junction with the Wayside Road being found impracticable, the Council authorizes the purchase of Cadastral lot 2273, a surveyed area of Mow 0.32, at the assessed value of Tls. 1,500 per mow, i.e., for the sum of Tls. 480. Of this area Mow 0.106 will be taken for road purposes, the remainder being available for sale or use hereafter as occasion serves. Registered owners, Messrs. Beesley & Bray.

Tramways.

Maintenance of Track.—With reference to Clause 16 of the Concession Agreement, which provides that the Company shall maintain and keep in good condition and repair so much of the roadway as extends 18 inches beyond and on each side of the rails, negotiations have been concluded by which this work, so far as the macadam portion is concerned, shall, from December 1, be performed by the Council at the Company's charge. This measure is considered advisable so that the uniformity and efficiency of road maintenance shall not fail by divided responsibility. The terms of the arrangement are recorded in the following interchange of letters:—

Council Room,

Shanghai, November 28, 1908.

SIR.—With reference to the correspondence during September last upon the subject of the maintenance of the macadam portion of the tramway track, and to interviews subsequently held between yourself and the Municipal Engineer, I am directed to state that the Council is prepared to undertake the work in question for two years, from December 1 next, at the rate of Tls. 1.30 per fong per annum, to be paid by your Company quarterly.

In particular reference to your letter of September 30, it is agreed that the above arrangement does not include the maintenance of setts or wood-paving; that the making good of the road surface after openings by the Company for the renewal of rails, repairs to joints, etc., shall be at cost price; that tools and materials left upon the Company's hands for this work shall be taken over by the Council at prices to be agreed upon; and that the Council shall not necessarily be bound to do the work during the night, but at any time that may be convenient.

I shall be glad to receive your assent to the above arrangements.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

D. McCOLL, Esq.,

General-Manager,

Shanghai Electric Construction Co., Ltd.

Shanghai, November 30, 1908.

DEAR SIR,—I am, this morning, in receipt of your letter of the 28th instant.

I am directed by my Local Board to intimate their acceptance of the terms offered. I am communicating with Mr. Mayne as to handing over the work as from to-morrow.

Yours faithfully,

D. McCOLL,

General-Manager.

Shanghai Electric Construction Co., Ltd.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,

Secretary, Municipal Council.

The meeting adjourns at 5.55 p.m.

Health Department.

Notification of Infectious Disease.

The following have been reported during the week ending Sunday November 29, 1908.	Death among Chinese population of 530,000	Cases notified among Non-Chinese population of 14,500.
Small pox.	0	0
Cholera.	0	0
Typhoid Fever	—	0
Diphtheria.	1	0
Scarlet Fever	0	0
Tuberculosis	15	0
Total Deaths from all Causes	121	1

ARTHUR STANLEY,

Health Officer.

Public Band

Public Performances.—Until further notice, performances will be given every Sunday at 4.30 p.m. and every Wednesday and Friday at 5.30 p.m.: on Fridays the programme will consist of dance music.

The programme for Sunday next is as follows:—

- 1.—Overture "Euryanthe" ... Weber
- 2.—Symphony in F sharp minor (two movements) ... Haydn
- 3.—(a) Serenade ... Gounod
(b) Czardas ... Grossmann
- 4.—Overture "In Memoriam" Sullivan
- 5.—Incidental music to "A Midsummer's Night's Dream"
(a) Nocturne (b) Scherzo
(c) Wedding March ... Mendelssohn

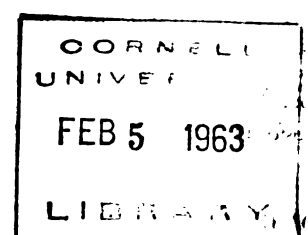
Conductor, Mr. R. Buck.

Summary of General Municipal Rate, Native. September Quarter

	1908.		1907.		1906.	
	No. of Houses.	Rental Assessment.	No. of Houses.	Rental Assessment.	No. of Houses.	Rental Assessment.
		\$		\$		\$
Central District.....	12,297	4,238,352	12,320	4,182,304	12,417	3,723,381
Northern do.	15,335	2,054,083	15,048	1,990,446	14,702	1,818,012
Eastern do.	12,415	937,341	12,016	907,315	11,236	805,292
Western do.	9,947	972,256	9,334	903,476	8,499	782,262
Outside Settlement Limits	3,608	312,479	2,706	211,981	1,752	139,599
Total	53,602	8,514,511	51,424	8,195,522	48,606	7,268,546
Occupied by Natives	48,603	7,522,021	47,827	7,295,075	46,506	6,781,038
do. Foreigners.....	1,085	291,189	1,071	399,910	1,041	274,696
Unoccupied	3,914	701,301	2,526	500,537	1,059	212,812
Total	53,602	8,514,511	51,424	8,195,522	48,606	7,268,546
Tax Collected		\$		\$		\$
Central District @ 12%		119,641		99,881		91,261
Northern do. do.		56,639		46,759		44,264
Eastern do. do.		24,812		20,742		19,084
Western do. do.		24,966		19,615		18,172
Outside Settlement Limits @ 6%		3,919		2,373		1,381
Total		229,977		189,370		174,162

A. JOHNSFORD,

Overseer of Taxes.



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MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1934.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Transfer Books of the Municipal Loans will be closed from December 21 to 31, both days inclusive.

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, December 17, 1908.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1935.

THE Municipal Offices will be closed to public business on Friday and Saturday, December 25 and 26, 1908, and on Friday, January 1, 1909.

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, December 17, 1908.

AT the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, December 9, 1908, at 4.30 p.m., there are present:

Messrs. D. Landale (*Chairman*)

A. W. Burkill
W. D. Little
H. A. J. Macray
R. S. F. McBain
J. H. McMichael
O. Meuser
W. A. C. Platt
The Secretary and
Assistant Secretary.

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Volunteers.

Commandant.—The arrival on December 8 is noted of Major A. A. S. Barnes, the new Commandant of Volunteers appointed by the War Office. Major Barnes will spend the interval between now and December 22, the date of Colonel Watson's departure, in taking over the duties of his post.

Reserve Company.—Upon the recommendation of the Commandant, a commission is authorized for issue to Mr. C. Selby Moore as 2nd Lieutenant.

Police.

Gaol, Supervision of Convicts.—A police report refers to the risk entailed by the presence of warders in the midst of gangs of convicts in workshops for purposes of supervision. In reference to this subject the Captain-Superintendent writes as follows:—

"Once the warder has been overpowered, should an outbreak occur in the workrooms, the arms he carries only suffice to make the convicts more difficult to overawe. The system generally in force in gaols is to place the warder in immediate charge of convicts out of reach of the latter, thereby rendering the chances of an outbreak among the workmen very much more remote."

The following measures have, accordingly, been formulated, and have received the Watch Committee's approval:—

(1) Erection of a raised parapet around the outside of the workshop to enable a warder to control the convicts at work on the ground floor.

(2) Erection of a temporary platform of wood with handrail and movable ladder in the carpenter's shop.

(3) Erection of a platform at the north end of the 4th floor in the west block to enable a warder to control a large number of convicts employed there.

The total estimated cost of this work is Tls. 450.

Mixed Court.

Case of Detention in the City.—With regard to the incident referred to in the minutes of November 18, the Captain-Superintendent reports the issue by the Magistrate of an order for the search of the prisoner's hong in the Canton Road, and it is pointed out that, since there has been no hearing of the case in the Court, this procedure is irregular. In bringing this further development of the case to the notice of the Consular Body, it is decided to point out that the order in question does not contain provision for the co-operation of the Police, as decided by the Consular Body in May, 1906:—

Council Room,

Shanghai, December 9, 1908.

SIR,—I have the honour to refer to my letter of November 16, on the subject of the recent detention in the native city of a native resident of the Settlement.

It was not the Council's intention again to allude to this matter. The Police, however, have now received for execution an order issued by the Mixed Court, Magistrate, a translation of

which I enclose, directing his runners to co-operate with those of the City Magistrate, and with the tipao, in seizing the books in the flour hong in Canton Road of which the arrested native was the owner.

In your letter dated May 23, 1906, as to the closure of the Yangtszepoo Paper Mill, you informed the Council of the Consular Body's agreement in the view that such orders, in their wording, should make mention of the Police assistance without which they would be inoperative in the Settlement, and that you had written to the Taotai in this sense. The Council trusts that you will now again be good enough to inform the Taotai of the Consular Body's views on this point.

A further obstacle to the execution of this order lies in the fact that no hearing in the Mixed Court has yet taken place, and the matter is thus not officially within its knowledge; nor is it known to the Police that there is a *prima facie* case against the defendant.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

DAVID LANDALE,

Chairman.

D. SIFFERT, Esq.,

Consul-General for Belgium,
and Senior Consul.

Translation of an order by the Mixed Court Magistrate, dated December 1, 1908.

This is to notify the runner Wang Tao that the City Magistrate has written to the effect that Chen Shan-chih, proprietor of the Yuan-yuan native bank, has petitioned, accusing Chin Shun-cho, proprietor of the Jen Cheng flour hong in the Canton Road, of owing his bank the sum of Tls. 73,000 on current accounts, and these, in spite of several requests, having not been settled, he therefore seized him asking for trial of the case. The man was accordingly brought to the City Magistrate's Yamén and handed to his runner after a hearing of the case. Chen Shan-chih now states, however, that there is talk of the burning of Shun-cho's account books, which are kept in an iron safe in the flour hong, and therefore requests that steps be taken in order that the books may be brought to the Yamén.

On receipt of this the Mixed Court Magistrate therefore directs the runner in question, in accordance with this order, to proceed, with the co-operation of the local tipao, together with the City Magistrate's runner and tipao, to the Canton Road to take the books from

the Jen Cheng flour hong, and report his action within one day, so that they may be sent into the City. The runner shall not practise the least extortion or delay, or punishment will result. Let action be prompt.

The National Mourning.

Barber Shops.—The following correspondence is ordered for publication:—

Translation of letter from the Mixed Court Magistrate to the Council, dated November 26, 1908.

This is to state that the Magistrate having been in receipt of the Taotai's dispatch on the subject of the successive deaths of their Majesties the Emperor and Empress-Dowager, has in compliance therewith, removed his hat-tassels and donned mourning clothes, using blue ink in all official documents, also addressing the Council and the Consuls of each nationality for their information.

It appears from the rules of precedent laid down by the Board of Rites that "Upon occasions of national mourning the military, people, merchants and so forth, beginning from the day of the momentous Imperial event, shall not shave their heads for one hundred days."

This has, accordingly, been notified for public knowledge by the issue of a proclamation.

The Magistrate now finds, however, that the various barber-shops in the Settlement are still shaving heads as usual, and this action indeed constitutes contempt of the prohibition issued. He has, accordingly, to address this letter to the Council begging it to take note, trusting that a prohibition will be given for uniform observance forbidding the shops in question from continuing to shave; thus much obliging. With compliments.

Council Room,

Shanghai, December 3, 1908.

SIR,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of November 26, containing a request that the Council will prohibit the operation of barbers' shops within Settlement limits during one hundred days of national mourning.

In reply thereto, I am to state that the Council would regard so coercive a measure as unfair to the class of the native community concerned, whose means of livelihood would thereby be very severely checked. Nor is it considered probable that the injunction as to shaving which is contained in your recent proclamation on this subject would, if carried to an actual conclusion, be in any sense satisfactory.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. E. LEVISON,

Secretary.

PAO YI, Esq.,

Mixed Court Magistrate.

In this connexion the following extract from the native Press is noted as indicating the nature of the difficulties which would result from restrictions of the kind in question, and the manner in which they tend to affect this or other branches of native trade in the Settlement:—

Translation of extract from the "Universal Gazette" of November 26, 1908.

THE SETTLEMENT.

Barbers' Shops—Suppressive Steps.

"Since the issue of the orders directing that there be no shaving of heads for 100 days as a sign of national mourning, the Heads of the Guild of Barbers at Shanghai have communicated with the proprietors of the various shops to comply with uniformity, as was announced in yesterday's paper.

The Heads of this Guild have now also re-arranged the usages of the shops so that the assistants' wages will be stopped for the 100 days during which work ceases. The three meals also, which, in accordance with rules, should consist, one of congee, and two of rice, have now been changed for two of congee and one of rice. Further, in accordance with the rules hitherto in force, 60 per cent of the receipts accrued to the proprietors and 40 per cent to the assistants, but this is now changed to 70 and 30 per cent respectively; with an addition that if less than 100 cash during the day is received, the whole reverts to the proprietor.

All the assistants, consequently, find this unjust, and ten assistants of the Yangchow gang have made a union to strike, informing each shop accordingly. The Police on hearing this, fearing the raising of trouble, have forthwith directed the detectives and their subordinates to take suppressive steps. It is not yet known how the matter is settled."

Municipal Loans.

With the sale of debentures to the extent of Tls. 46,500 at 105, and the transfer of Trust Funds, Tls. 12,300 at par, the General Loan of 1908 is complete, and the average rate of issue, including brokerage, is Tls. 100,773.

Landing Accommodation.

An application is submitted for permission to construct a jetty in the Soochow Creek opposite B. C. Lot 1417, North Soochow Road Extension. It is noted that the land required for road purposes at this point has been duly surrendered, and the application is approved upon the conditions which have obtained in previous similar cases, namely, that the jetty be constructed by the Public Works Department at the applicant's cost, and that it be maintained by the Council for unrestricted public use.

Drainage.

Haining Road Sewer.—Details of the scheme for connecting this sewer with the Soochow Creek are submitted and approved. These involve the construction of a new sewer from the original outfall in this road, via the

Jehol and Kaifeng Roads, to meet the existing sewer in the North Thibet Road, and the total estimated cost of the work, including contingencies, is Tls. 10,000.

Road Extensions and Widening.

North Thibet and Haining Roads.—

In response to the request of an owner of property at the northern extremity of the former of these roads, a small easterly deviation is approved, and the surrender from native holdings, aggregating Mow 1.056, at the rate fixed under the Taotai's proclamation, a sum of Tls. 528, is noted.

Broadway East.—An arrangement has been concluded with Mr. W. Scott for the surrender of the strip of Cadastral lot 1075, required for the widening of the above road, at the rate of Tls. 15,000 per mow, plus ten per cent, with a deduction of one-third for betterment, or a sum of Tls. 924 for the Mow 0.084 involved.

Yochow Road.—With reference to the arrangement published with the minutes of November 18 as to the purchase of native-owned land upon this road, the owner has signified his dissent from the terms offered. Payment will, therefore, be at the rate fixed under the Taotai's proclamation for surrender of the area required for road purposes only, measuring Mow 0.198.

Weihaiwei and Seymour Roads.—At the request of the owner of Cadastral lot 2398 a footpath will be constructed along the north and west boundaries of the lot in return for the surrender of Mow 0.032 at the junction of these roads.

Public Lighting.

A Police report with recommendations is submitted in respect to the inadequate lighting arrangements in certain streets, the improvement of which is regarded by the Captain-Superintendent as a matter of urgency. The Engineer's report thereon is to the effect that the proposals do not involve any departure from the District Lighting Plans already approved, but merely the early completion of certain portions of the schemes. The Works Committee accordingly recommends adoption of the proposals and of the inclusion of the required increased figure in the forthcoming Budget to meet their cost, which when completed will be Tls. 5,000 per annum.

In accordance with the Committee's instructions, details are submitted as to the completion of the arc lighting of the Northern District, involving the erection of 45 additional lamps of the enclosed arc pattern and the removal of 33 incandescent electric and gas lamps. Therein are also included estimates for lighting the section of the North Szechuen Road between the Settlement boundary and the Hongkew Recreation Ground at present entirely unlit. This will be carried out in the first place by means of 34 metallic filament lamps. The whole additional cost of these improvements cannot be accurately gauged until the electrical public lighting tariff, now under revision by the Electricity Committee, is fixed.

Proposals by the Electricity Committee are submitted and adopted, for enlarging the circuit of metallic filament lamps in the Western District. The theme in question includes the erection of four arc lamps at the Bubbling Well and Hart Road carriage turns.

The lights in the Seymour and Great Western Roads, noted in the minutes of the meeting of November 25, will form part of this scheme, in the further development of which, and in accordance with a petition by the residents, seven arc lamps will be erected forthwith on the section of the Ferry between Avenue and Sinza Roads.

Public School.

Exhibition of Work.—In order to afford parents and the general public an opportunity of visiting the School and obtaining an impression of the work of the pupils in all its branches, the usual annual exhibition of specimens of drawing and painting will be of a more general character than before, including specimens of geometrical-drawing, needlework, map-drawing, penmanship, and lower school and kindergarten work.

The School will, accordingly, be open to the public on December 18, 19 and 20, between the hours of 3 and 7.30 p.m., and every facility will be offered to visitors who may wish to see the institution.

Speech Day and Prize-giving.—This function will take place in the Lyceum Theatre, by permission of the Amateur Dramatic Club, on Tuesday, December 22, 1908, at 4.30 p.m. Parents of children attending the school, and others interested, are invited to be present and may obtain tickets of admission by applying to the Headmaster. Intending visitors are requested to note that as the accommodation is strictly limited, only ticket-holders will be admitted.

The meeting adjourns at 6 p.m.

Health Department.

Notification of Infectious Disease.

The following have been reported during the week ending Sunday December 13, 1908.	Death among Chinese population of 530,000	Cases notified among Non-Chinese population of 14,500.
Small-pox.	0	2
Cholera.	0	0
Typhoid Fever	—	1
Diphtheria.	1	0
Scarlet Fever.	0	0
Tuberculosis	14	0
Total Deaths from all Causes	118	0

ARTHUR STANLEY,
Health Officer.

Hongkew Recreation Ground.

Two full size football grounds, one practice ground, and one small hockey ground for ladies, are now available for use. Secretaries of teams desiring to make use of the above are requested to forward their application to Mr. F. K. Ward at the Shanghai Public School, as soon as possible. The grounds are available daily for purposes of practice, when matches are not in progress; the golf links also is at the disposal of the public except on Saturday afternoons, or on other occasions when the playing grounds are fully occupied.

Public Band.

Public Performances.—Since it has been observed that only sparse audiences have been attracted by the weekly concert held at 5.30 p.m. on Wednesday afternoons, this performance will for the future take place at 9 p.m., from December 30 inclusive, and until further notice, thus providing the public with a better opportunity for attendance.

The attendance at the Sunday performances has been as follows:—

November 8	930
„ 15	859
„ 22	953
„ 29	1033
December 6	1054
„ 13	1129

The programme for next Sunday will be as follows:—

- 1.—Overture—“Les Dragons de Villars”Maillart.
 - 2.—Selection—“Romeo and Juliet”Gounod.
 - 3.—March from—“La Damnation de Faust”Berlioz
 - 4.—Orchestral Suite—“Scenes Pittoresques”Massenet.
 - 5.—Symphonic Poem—“Le Rouet d'Omphale” ..St.Saens.
 - 6.—Suite from—“Carmen” ..Bizet
- Conductor-in-charge Mr. R. BUCK.

Christmas Day.—On Friday, December 25, an orchestral concert beginning at the usual hour, 5.30 p.m., will be substituted for the ordinary performance of dance music.

Tramway Traffic Returns for November.

	Passengers.		Receipts.			Passengers per car mile	Receipts per car mile	Receipts per passenger.
	Number.	%	\$	cts.	%	Number	Mex. cents	Mex. cents.
1st CLASS.								
Gross Totals	89,464	...	7,280	90	...	...	...	...
Less loss by exchange	...	...	1,264	06	...	...	...	...
Net Cash	89,464	10.10	6,016	84	18.32	.53	3.55	6.72
Seasons	50,857	5.75	3,080	00	9.37	.29	1.81	6.05
Net Totals	140,321	15.85	9,096	84	27.69	.82	5.36	6.48
2nd CLASS.								
Gross Totals	744,909	...	28,735	57	...	...	...	...
Less loss by exchange	...	...	4,985	55	...	...	...	...
Net Totals	744,909	84.15	23,750	02	72.31	4.39	13.99	3.18
Net Grand Totals	885,230	100.00	32,846	86	100.00	5.21	19.35	3.71

Car Miles—169,702.

Percentage of loss by exchange: 19.13.

Season Tickets issued: 385.

D. MCCOLL,
General Manager.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

MONTH.	PASSENGERS			NET RECEIPTS.		
	1st Class	2nd Class	Total	1st Class \$	2nd Class \$	Total \$
June	85,836	794,353	880,189	6,182	25,882	32,064
July	88,756	802,952	891,708	6,263	25,429	31,692
August	86,475	814,436	900,911	6,113	25,669	31,781
September	85,500	813,017	898,517	6,024	25,588	31,612
October	127,592	765,581	893,173	8,229	24,140	32,369
November	140,321	744,909	885,230	9,096	23,750	32,846
MONTH.	C.A.R. Miles.	PASSENGERS per car mile.	Receipts per car mile. cts.	Receipts per passenger cts.	Percentage of loss by exchange.	Season Tickets issued.
June	173,945	5.06	18.43	3.64	15.52	—
July	169,743	5.25	18.67	3.56	17.43	—
August	163,127	5.52	19.48	3.52	18.14	—
September	169,250	5.30	18.68	3.52	18.50	—
October	174,920	5.11	18.50	3.62	18.59	3.34
November	169,702	5.21	19.35	3.71	19.13	3.85

Departmental Report of the Superintendent of Parks and Open Spaces to the Municipal Engineer for November.

Public Gardens.—The chief occupation herein was the preparation of the flower-beds and the planting of same with spring flowering bulbs. The arrangement of the planting aims at a colour scheme of pink and white on the margins merging into red and scarlet in the centre of the sections set apart for bulbs. The geometrical beds in the Reserve Garden are planted with white and crimson tulips. In the conservatories a considerable number of plants are in flower.

Hongkew Recreation Ground.—The weather being dry, consequently the soil is in excellent working condition,—factors ensuring speedy and economical working where ground operations are in progress. Advantage was taken of the same to push on the grading and levelling. The paths and shrub borders are all outlined and the grading of the lawns is practically completed and ready for turfing and planting in the spring. Drains have been laid in the Bowling Green and a semi-circular flower garden outlined. The raising of the section between the Rifle Range and Szechuen Road is progressing.

Sport.—The golf greens have been daily in use. The largest number of players in one day being 42. The football and other pitches have been frequently in use.

Visitors during the month.... 5,507
Number of golf players 372
Football matches and practice 11

Public Recreation Ground.—The playing pitches herein have also been on Saturdays fully occupied. The chief work consisted of rolling the pitches and sweeping and sanding the paths.

Municipal Buildings.—The preparation of flower-beds is in progress at the following places:—Chinese Public School, Victoria Nursing Home, Municipal Hospital, Sinza, Louza and Bubbling Well Police Stations.

Nurseries.—A number of shrubs have been moved from Bubbling Well to Siccawei Road.

Trees on Roads.—Vacancies have been replanted on the following roads:—

Markham Road	5
Connaught Road	23
Gordon Road	25
Robison Road.....	44
Siccawei Road.....	4
Avenue Road	1
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Trees fastened.

Robison Road.....	330
Gordon Road	30
Connaught Road	120
Markham Road	14
Sunkiang Road	2
Whangpoo Road	3
North Soochow Road.....	3
Yangszepoo Road.....	10
Lay Road	5
Ward Road.....	7
Tongshan Road	4
North Szechuen Road	5
Range Road	3
Boundary Road	2
Thibet Road	5

543

Flowering plants have been planted:—

Public Garden	2,441
Chinese Public Garden	249
Hongkew Recreation Ground	155
	2,845

D. MACGREGOR,

Superintendent

Summary of General Municipal Rate, Foreign. September Quarter

	1908.		1907.		1906.	
	No. of Houses.	Rental Assessment.	No. of Houses.	Rental Assessment.	No. of Houses.	Rental Assessment.
		Tls.		Tls.		Tls.
Central District.....	593	1,971,197	558	1,638,133	553	1,438,957
Northern do.	1,032	836,803	1,024	763,867	986	697,709
Eastern do.	566	768,594	546	689,492	489	591,078
Western do.	695	878,020	566	726,678	510	642,820
Outside Settlement Limits	266	194,810	163	125,210	123	84,900
Total	3,152	4,649,424	2,857	3,943,380	2,661	3,455,464
Occupied by Foreigners.....	2,427	3,429,719	2,316	3,119,225	2,229	2,823,766
do. Natives	380	656,692	362	582,475	333	515,377
Unoccupied	345	563,013	179	241,680	99	116,321
Total	3,152	4,649,424	2,857	3,943,380	2,661	3,455,464
Tax Collected		Tls.		Tls.		Tls.
Central District		50,521		38,326		34,982
Northern do.		21,255		17,454		16,684
Eastern do.		19,765		16,064		13,696
Western do.		22,611		16,560		15,335
Outside Settlement Limits		2,736		1,386		904
Total		116,888		89,790		81,601

A. JOHNSFORD,

Overseer of Taxes.

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MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1934.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Transfer Books of the Municipal Loans will be closed from December 21 to 31, both days inclusive.

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, December 17, 1908.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 1935.

THE Municipal Offices will be closed to public business on Friday and Saturday, December 25 and 26, 1908, and on Friday, January 1, 1909.

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, December 17, 1908.

AT the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, December 16, 1908, at 4.30 p.m., there are present :

Messrs. D. Landale (*Chairman*)

A. W. Burkill

W. D. Little

H. A. J. Macray

R. S. F. McBain

J. H. McMichael

O. Meuser

W. A. C. Platt

J. Prentice

The Secretary and
Assistant Secretary.

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Volunteers.

The following letter, on the subject of the Commandant, is ordered for publication :—

Council Room,

Shanghai, December 8, 1908.

SIR,—It is within your knowledge that Major (local Lieutenant-Colonel) W. M. Watson, in view of the expiry in March next of the extended term of his appointment as Commandant of the Shanghai Volunteers, has expressed a wish to return to regimental duty before the end of the year. This matter has, therefore, been the subject of an official communication to the War Office, with the result that Major A. A. S. Barnes, appointed as his successor, has recently arrived, and will begin duty at an early date.

At the termination of the first three years of his command the Council's satisfaction at the efficiency of Colonel Watson's services was expressed to your predecessor, Major-General Hatton, with a request that it should be communicated to the War Office, but, as the date of his departure approaches, the Council feels that it is proper again to place on record, and to express to yourself as Inspecting Officer of the Corps, its very great appreciation of the work which he has performed.

In your report upon the annual inspection of the Corps, held by yourself in person in 1907, you remarked upon the increase in its strength, and upon the absence of friction between the various nationalities of which it is composed. This is the feature of his command which the Council regards as specially commendable, and which entitles Colonel Watson to the Council's thanks as a tactful and successful officer.

I cannot, therefore, let this opportunity pass without communicating to you the Council's views on this subject, and trust that they may be transmitted to the Authorities for record.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

DAVID LANDALE,
Chairman.

His Excellency

Major-General R. G. BROADWOOD, C.B.,
Commanding the Troops in South China,
Hongkong.

Police.

Foreign Branch.—The promotion of A. Walker to be 2nd Class Warder is authorized with effect from October 20.

Constable Miller is dismissed the Force for misconduct and neglect of duty with effect from December 10.

The appointment of the following as 3rd Class Constables is confirmed with effect from December 15 :—

H. Richardson

W. D. Rogers.

The engagement of W. C. Gillan to be 4th Class Warder on three months' probation as from December 15 is authorized.

The promotion of I. Thygesen to be 2nd Class Sergeant is authorized with effect from December 25.

The promotion of the following to be 2nd Class Constables is authorized with effect from December 28 :—

J. George

J. Horne

James Mackenzie

F. W. Pearce

J. W. Prince

J. F. Prosser

F. Stewart

Health Department

Plague Among Rats.—A report by the Health Officer is read on the subject of plague among rats, which, from examinations conducted during the past week, is found to exist in the neighbourhood of the wharves. Dr. Stanley's proposals for immediate action in this matter are adopted, and it is decided to publish his report with a view to securing the co-operation of the public in the destruction of rats and the rat-proofing of houses so far as may be possible :—

Health Office,

December 15, 1908.

"I have to report the occurrence of plague among rats in Shanghai. The particulars are as follows :—

A death from plague having occurred at Hankow on board the str. Loongwo, a river boat, on November 30 last under conditions which pointed to the possibility of the disease having been contracted in Shanghai; inquiries were made as to the doings of the deceased while in Shanghai. It appears that the only place deceased

went to during the short time the ship was alongside the Hongkew Wharves was a tea-shop and opium den Nos. 1420-4 Dixwell Road during the evening prior to the ship's departure on November 25. Inquiry at this tea-house, a large one much frequented by ship coolies, failed to trace any source of plague infection.

As no human cases of plague had been, prior to this, either reported or suspected in the Settlement, inquiry was directed towards infection among rats. Although the Inspectors have been acquainted with the importance of reporting any unusual mortality among rats, no such reports have been received. Arrangements were therefore made to send to the Laboratory for examination all dead rats found by the sanitary coolies during the collection of house refuse, the neighbourhood of the wharves being the subject of special search.

As a result of this examination rats undoubtedly dead of plague have been found in Hongkew, mostly in the neighbourhood of the wharves as follows:

**LABORATORY EXAMINATION OF RATS
FOR PLAGUE**

Date.	Number examined.	No. found infected.	Locality where found.
Dec. 8.	—	2	corner of Broadway and Taiping Rd. Dock Lane.
Dec. 9.	—	1	964 Broadway by Yuen- fong Road.
Dec. 10.	33	1	J2661 Seward Road corner of Yuenfong Road.
Dec. 11.	30	2	C23 Woosung Road. Yangtze-poo Road alley opposite Soy Chee Mill.
Dec. 12.	48	4	1 Woosung Road. 2 Woosung Road. 937 Hanbury Road (Eastern District). Y297 Hwakee Road.
Dec. 13.	29	0	
Dec. 14.	44	4	R974 Hanbury Road. Q300 Yuenfong Road. Q297 Yuenfong Road. RA24 Lau-chew-ka-zan.
Dec. 15.	44	3	A824 Broadway. Q301 Yuenfong Road. Jz 157 Tongshan Road
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Regarding the mode of introduction there would appear to be little doubt that it has been brought by ships carrying plague-infected rats. The localization of plague rats near the wharves tends to confirm this. Bombay, Calcutta, Hongkong, Canton, Swatow, Foochow and Tongshan (Chinwangtao) are all, or have until recently been, plague-infected ports in touch with Shanghai. No effectual measures have been imposed upon, nor have they been taken, to rid ships visiting the ports of rats, the real carriers of plague, although the need for measures securing the destruction of rats on ships from infected ports was emphasized as long ago as 1902 (see Annual Report p. 115).

Regarding preventive measures the policy is to deal with rat plague and prevent, if possible, human plague instead of waiting for human plague and then taking action. The history of plague in Calcutta, Capetown, Hongkong and Sydney tends to show that there is rat infection before cases of plague occur among human beings and it was by the organization of a daily bacterial examination of the rats collected in different parts of these towns and subsequently taking prompt action thereon, whenever infection was found, that some of the worst localities were kept comparatively free of plague. The principle involved is to be in front of human plague.

The following preliminary measures have, therefore, been put into operation:—

1.—Collection of dead rats throughout the Settlement and routine bacterial examinations in the Laboratory so as to locate cases of plague among rats.

2.—The organization of rat brigades with the object of destroying rats and rendering, as far as possible, houses and drains rat proof, especially in infected areas.

3.—The preventive inoculation with plague vaccine of the Sanitary Staff and of the public, where there appears to be special reason for it.

ARTHUR STANLEY,
Health Officer.

Road Extensions and Widenings.

Soochow Road.—The offer of Messrs. Ward, Probst & Co. to surrender, for the nominal sum of Tls. 5 the land

required from Cadastral lot 296 to facilitate the bunding of the Soochow Creek, and for the improvement of the corner of the Soochow and Fokien Roads, upon three conditions, is authorized for acceptance. These are that the owner be not called upon to bear any portion of the cost of the work: that the road corner be splayed instead of rounded, and that no ordure or garbage boats be loaded in front of the lot in question, nor any nuisance caused by the deposition of road material in the adjoining road.

Market Street.—In accordance with the request of the tenants of certain godowns in this thoroughfare, the street, together with an alleyway across Cadastral lot 60 connecting it with Broadway East, will be chip-paved at an approximate cost of Tls. 108.

Seward Road.—Negotiations with Messrs. Beesley & Bray, on behalf of the Trustees of the St. Luke's Hospital, have been concluded for the surrender of the scheduled strip of Cadastral lot 1048, required for the widening of this road, in terms of the following correspondence:—

Shanghai, November 23, 1908.

DEAR SIR,—With reference to the surrender to the Council of that portion of Cadastral lot 1048, Northern District, required for the widening of Seward Road, area Mow 0.046, and coloured red on the plan forwarded to us last May; we are instructed by the owners—the Trustees of the St. Luke's Hospital—to submit a claim to the Council for compensation at the rate of the assessed value plus ten per cent for compulsory surrender.

Yours faithfully,

BEESLEY & BRAY.

C. MAYNE, Esq.,

Municipal Engineer.

Council Room,

Shanghai, December 3, 1908.

GENTLEMEN,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of November 23, addressed to the Municipal Engineer, containing a claim by the Trustees of St. Luke's Hospital for the strip of land surrenderable, ex Cadastral lot 1048, for the widening of the Seward Road.

In reply thereto, I am to state that the Council accepts the assessed value of the lot as a basis upon which compensation may be paid, together with the addition of ten per cent, but is of opinion that the present case calls for some deduction for the benefit which will accrue to the property from the widening of the road.

It is understood that four-storied hospital buildings are being erected on the lot, and there can be little doubt that increased light and air will be of the first importance.

In further support of the Council's contention I am to cite the case of Cadastral lot 1036, wherefrom a strip similar to that at present in question was recently surrendered for the widening of the Seward Road. In this case, the details of which are published in the "Municipal Gazette" of August 6, the enhanced value of the property was at once admitted, and a deduction of one-third from the sum payable in compensation was allowed.

The Council will be glad, therefore, to receive the assent of the Trustees to a similar deduction being made from the present claim.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

W. E. LEVESON,

Secretary.

MESSRS. BEESLEY & BRAY.

Shanghai, December 14, 1908.

DEAR SIR,—In reply to your letter of the 3rd instant with reference to compensation for the compulsory surrender of the strip of land ex Cadastral lot 1048 Northern District, required for the widening of Seward Road: we are instructed by the owners—the Trustees of the St. Luke's Hospital—to accept the Council's proposal contained therein, viz:

Area to be surrendered Mow
0.046, at the assessed value
of Tls. 15,000 per mow,
amounting toTls. 690
Add 10 per cent 69

759
Less one-third 253

Amount of compensation Tls. 506

Yours faithfully,

BEESLEY & BRAY.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,

Secretary, Municipal Council.

Rice Money.

It is noted that the price of rice is now \$6.50 per picul, thus having returned to its normal level, and it is accordingly decided to discontinue the issue of rice money with effect from December 15.

Electricity Department.

The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity Committee of December 11 are read and confirmed. There were present:—

Messrs. F. Anderson (*Chairman*)
J. Grant Mackenzie
H. W. Pilcher
The Electrical Engineer and Secretary.

The following are ordered for publication:—

Public Lighting.—From recent minutes of the Works Committee, read for members' information, some indication is given of the extensions of electric street lighting which will be required in the immediate future, and with this in view, a discussion ensues on the tariff to be observed during 1909.

In the consideration of the figures contained in the Electrical Engineer's report on the subject it appears that before recommending the rates of Tls. 140 and Tls. 170 for enclosed and flame arc lamps respectively, a sufficient margin of profit has been left, and these rates are, therefore, recommended for adoption by the Council.

In regard to incandescent lighting and to the orders for additional filament lamps, amended figures are submitted calculated on a basis of six candareens per unit, the same rate as for the arc lights, with the result that Mr. Aldridge is in a position to propose a reduction to Tls. 27 per lamp per annum, and the Committee endorses his recommendation.

(The Council confirms these rates for use in the compilation of the Budget for 1909).

Private Lighting.—With the above figures are submitted the Electrical Engineer's further proposals for the reduction of the flat rate for lighting from Tls. 0.14 to Tls. 0.13 per unit, and, after full consideration of the effect of this measure upon the finances of the Department, the Committee recommends its adoption.

Yangtszepoo Road Power Station.—

An estimate for bunding this property to the Conservancy Normal Line in an economical type of reinforced concrete is submitted, amounting to Tls. 20,000 to include the necessary mudfilling and allowing for contingencies. Discussing the advisability of incurring this expenditure in lieu of the less cost of an ordinary wooden bunding, Mr. Mackenzie strongly supports the proposal upon the grounds that the heavy item for maintenance will thereby be avoided in the future. The Committee observes that the necessary shenko negotiations must be deferred for the present, and, upon the understanding that this need not delay the execution of the work, recommends that it be proceeded with at once, and provision for the cost made in the forthcoming estimates.

Buildings.—Sketch plans of the new building to be erected on the site of the old offices and workshop are submitted for inspection, and approved, together with the proposal that the necessary steel-work be obtained by tender through Messrs. Preece & Cardew as upon a previous occasion.

Sale of Lamps.—The Chairman alludes to the present disabilities under which the public labours in the matter of obtaining satisfactory types of lamps for domestic use, and in the discussion which ensues, the Electrical Engineer again points out the serious disadvantage to the Department due to the numerous brands of inferior bulbs on sale locally; this, with particular reference to native consumers. The Committee repeats its recommendation to the Council that the sale of lamps be disassociated from the question of fittings, and be resumed by the Department, adding that if the Council maintains the view that the Ratepayers' Resolution on this subject precludes such a course, reference to the matter in the electrical speech at the next Annual Meeting would dissolve any misgiving on this head.

Native Pay.—In regard to the system of the issue of native pay, it is decided, with a view to the prevention of squeezing so far as is possible, that the method in vogue at many of the principal local industrial undertakings be adopted by which each employe receives his wages directly from the comprador without the intervention of a foreman or middleman, and under the supervision of the foreign Station Superintendent.

Tenders.

The following are authorized for acceptance:—

1.—Installation of electric light at the Native Police Hospital, Messrs. E. E. Porter & Co., Ltd., Tls. 488. The following tenders were also received: Messrs. Crompton & Co., Ltd., Tls. 528 and the Shanghai Electric & Asbestos Co., Ltd., Tls. 514.95.

2.—Supply of Japanese House Coal and Anthracite for use in the Municipal Offices, in accordance with the terms of Municipal Notification 1933, Messrs. Hopkins, Dunn & Co., Tls. 9.25 per ton and Tls. 14.50 per ton respectively.

The following tenders were also received:—

	House Coal. Tls.	An- thracite. Tls.
A. M. Currie & Co.	9.20	—
Siy Dah	9.20	14.00
Bidwell & Co.	9.48	14.63
Schiller & Co.	9.50	13.50
Moller Bros.	9.50	14.50
The Eastern Coal Co.	9.57	14.25
Yue Chong Coal Merchants	9.70	15.00
Central Coal Co.	9.75	15.00
Syndicat Sino Francais d'Ingenieurs	9.75	15.25
Eastern Produce Coal Co.	10.13	15.00
Sun Mow & Co.	10.13	15.00
Mitsui Bussan Kaisha	11.07	15.75
A. M. Larcina	12.75	15.00

The meeting adjourns at 5.50 p.m.

Health Department**Notification of Infectious Diseases.**

The following have been reported during the week ending Sunday December 20, 1938.	Death among Chinese population of 530,000	Cases notified among Non-Chinese population of 14,500.
Small-pox.	0	0
Cholera.	0	0
Typhoid Fever	—	1
Diphtheria.	0	0
Scarlet Fever.	0	0
Tuberculosis	19	0
Total Deaths from all Causes	123	1

ARTHUR STANLEY,
Health Officer

Public Band.

Public Performances.—Since it has been observed that only sparse audiences have been attracted by the weekly concert held in the Town Hall at 5.30 p.m. on Wednesday afternoons, this performance will take place at 9 p.m., from December 30 inclusive, and until further notice.

The programme for Friday (Christmas Day) will be as follows:—

- 1.—Transcription for Orchestra
"Largo"Händel
- 2.—Andante from Symphony
No. 6, G major... ..Haydn
- 3.—Overture
"Die Zauberflöte" ...Mozart
- 4.—Symphony No. 8, B minor
(unfinished)Schubert

The programme for next Sunday will be as follows:—

- 1.—Overture "Die Entführung aus dem Serail"Mozart
 - 2.—Ballet Music from the Opera "Femors"
(two movements) Rubinstein
 - 3.—Selection
"The Huguenots" Meyerbeer
 - 4.—Welsh Rhapsody ...{Edward
German
 - 5.—Andante from the
Violin Concerto ...Mendelssohn
Solo Mr. Schulze Reudnitz
 - 6.—Overture "Mignon". Thomas
- Conductor-in-charge Mr. R. Buck.

Electrical Engineer's Report for October.

GENERATION.—The plant in the Generating Station is being maintained in good and efficient order.

DISTRIBUTION.—*High-tension Feeders.*
No. 4 Feeder was extended in the Broadway and North Yangtze Road.
2640 yds .075
1.5 miles

Low-tension Feeders.—Extended in Nanking Road.

1100 yds .060
.62 miles

Low-tension Distributors.—Extended in the following roads:—

Sinza Road 104 yds. .028
Hoopah Road 200 " .060
" " 160 " .034

464 yds.
.26 miles

Public Lighting.—1,142 yds. (.65 miles) of .022 was run for a new public lighting are main.

6-60 c.p. metallic filament lamps were put up in Wayside and Chusan Roads.

1 additional arc lamp at Wayside.

4 flame arcs were erected in the Nanking Road in the place of enclosed arc lamps.

Sub-Stations.—Two 100 kilowatt transformers in the Town Hall sub-station have been replaced by one transformer of 200 K.W. capacity. A 40 K.W. auxiliary transformer is installed, together with the Berry series automatic control gear. The two 100 K.W. transformers are transferred to the Central Police sub-station in Foochow Road.

House Service.—58 new house service connexions were made during the month.

Motors.—One motor of 50 horse-power has been disconnected owing to the shutting down of the mill wherein it was working. It will, however, be again in operation during December.

Coal.—The coal consumption per unit generated was 5.47-lb. and per unit sold 6.27-lb. This is a slight increase over the previous month. I attribute the increase in the coal per unit sold to the decreased consumption of electricity during October after the fan demand ceased, and the lighting consumption being very slightly higher than in September. The figures, however, show a marked improvement over the same months last year when they were respectively 6.79-lb. and 8.11-lb.

Oil.—160 gallons of oil were used as against 145 in September.

Water.—The water consumption shows an increase. The explanation is that for several days the turbine was not running so that the economy usually gained using the condensed steam from the turbine for boiler feed purposes was lost.

Units Generated.—The units generated in October were 513,966, representing an increase over October last year of 66 per cent.

Units Sold.—The units sold were 447,935 or 72 per cent increase over the same sales in October last year.

Ratio.—The ratio between units generated and units sold is 87.3 per cent as against 83.76 for same period last year.

COMPARATIVE TABLE.

	Oct. 1908	Oct. 1907
Total lamps connected	168,995	130,748
Total Horse Power in motors	469.7	315.55
Units generated	513,086	309,782
Units sold and accounted for	447,935	259,496
Private Lighting	201,933	199,525
Public Lighting	45,040	43,496
Power (motors)	11,909	9,865
Traction	167,798	—
Used at works, etc.	21,255	6,613
Ratio	87.30	83.76
Coal per unit generated in lbs.	5.47	6.79
Coal per unit sold in lbs.	6.27	8.11
Revenue	41,412	32,440
Expenditure	33,576	24,314
Profit	7,836	8,126
Total profit date	66,051	30,627

Financial.—The financial result may seem disappointing when compared with October last year. The profit is Tls. 290 less. There are reasons for this check, which I believe will be found to be temporary only. In the first place the units sold for private consumption are only 4,452 more than in October last year. The price of coal is Tls. 6.35 as against Tls. 5.50 per ton, and during the last week of October this year the Parsons turbine was out of commission and one of the Ferranti engines was running non-condensing, a combination which brought the coal consumption up considerably. The coal bill for October exceeds that for September by Tls. 1,202 whilst repairs both generation and distribution are higher by Tls. 992, a total of Tls. 2,194 more. The repairs bills were not the result of any particular breakdown but certain repairs were paid for in the month of October which might equally well have been put to any other month. It is more difficult to account for the small increase of 2,408 units in the private consumption of electricity this October over last. The units sold for power purposes have increased, although a motor of 50 horse-power which averaged a consumption of 2,000-3,000 units a month, has been disconnected. It would seem that the general trade depression is making itself felt and that consumers are actually making more effort to economise. Examination of the meter records shows that the majority of consumers used very little more electricity in October than in September. In support of the above suggestion the consumption in the Bubbling Well Road district this October shows 6,776 units consumed by 101 consumers as against 8,600 units used by 74 consumers last October. This may be a reflexion of

the general tendency of the greater proportion of our consumers. Another case may be cited. The Shanghai Club in its new premises consumed 2,926 units; last October in the old premises it consumed 4,970. If the experience of former years counts for anything both November and December should show greater profits than in October which after all are higher than September by Tls. 818.

General.—The Willans turbine was put into commission during November and has been working satisfactorily. Latterly, with the two turbines carrying the load the coal per unit generated has averaged under 4.5-lb. a figure hitherto untouched in this Station.

T. H. U. ALDRIDGE,
Electrical Engineer to the Council.

Engineer's Report for November.

Works in Progress.—New quarters for foreigners, Hongkew Police Station. Extra storey to Guard-room at Gaol. Inspector's quarters, Wayside Police Station. Alterations to old godown at Electricity Works. Removal and enlargement of Sinza Market. Native Police Hospital adjoining Victoria Nursing Home. Removal of Dog-kennels to Gordon Road Depôt. Laying 3-ft. 0-in. diam. culvert across Ferry Road north of Connaught Road and diverting creek. Laying 3-ft. 0-in. diam. culvert across Singapore Road. Laying 4-ft. 6-in. diam. culvert at the junction of Hart Road and Sinza Road. Raising Hart Road north of Sinza Road. Bricking and metalling Myburgh Road from Burkill Road to Avenue Road. Laying 1-ft. 6-in. by 1-ft. 0-in. concrete sewer along Sinza Road from Carter Road to Medhurst Road. Laying 12-in. diam. concrete sewer along Robison Road east of Jessfield Road. Bricking and metalling 12-ft. strip of Manila Road west of Chungking Road. Concrete bunding at north-west side of Chekiang Road Bridge. Laying 3-ft. by 2-ft. sewer along North Honan Road. Laying 1-ft. 6-in. by 1-ft. 0-in. sewer along Miller Road. Constructing 7-ft. 6-in. by 6-ft. 0-in. culvert at the junction of Baikal Road and Lay Road. Laying 4-ft. 6-in. diam. culvert at the junction of Baikal Road and Whashing Road. Raising Baikal Road. Raising Rangoon Road. Building retaining walls to rail track at Pingchiao Quarry.

Works Finally Completed.—Forming the following new roads in the Western District, viz.:—Ferry Road from Sinza Road to Robison Road, Haiphong Road from Gordon Road to Ferry Road, Tonquin Road from Robison Road to Ichang Road, Singapore Road from Kiaochow Road to Ferry Road, Penang Road west of Gordon Road, Hart Road from Sinza Road to Connaught Road. Laying 3-ft. 0-in. diam. culvert across Ferry Road north of Sinza Road. Laying 1-ft. 6-in. by 1-ft. 0-in. concrete sewer along Myburgh Road from Burkill Road to Avenue Road. Raising Manila Road east of Chungking Road. Constructing timber bunding along Markham Road. Bricking and metalling Tongshan Road from Dent Road to Singkeipang Road. Making up Dixwell Road north of East Yalu Road. Making up North Thibet Road north of Kaifeng Road. Laying 4-ft. 6-in. diam. culvert at the junction of Baikal Road and No. 26 Road Extension. Laying 3-ft. 0-in. diam. culvert at the junction of Chaoufoong Road and East Yuhang Road. Concrete jetty North Soochow Road east of North Chekiang Road. Raising Chaoufoong Road between Tongshan Road and East Yuhang Road. Native latrine at the Tramway Termini at Yangtsepoo and Rifle Range.

Plans Completed.—Sketch plans for proposed additions to Electricity Works. Sketch plan for Pavilion in Hongkew Park.

Maintenance of Tram track.—In accordance with the arrangement with the Tramway Company the maintenance of the macadamised portion of the tram track will be undertaken by this Department from December 1.

Cleansing.—Sixty-two cartloads of garbage, 2,854 cartloads of road detritus and 2,281 cartloads of gully deposit were collected during the month.

Quarry.—2,836 tons of road materials have been received during the month from the Quarry. 736 tons were dispatched from the Quarry for account of the French Council during the month.

Concreteware.—The following concrete ware has been made at the Hongkew Depôt during the month:—

Hand made 1,119 pieces.

Creeks and River.—3,865 tons of mud from Defence Creek, and 7,959 tons of mud were dredged and removed from the mouth of the Soochow Creek between the Garden Bridge and the mouth of the Soochow Creek during the month.

New Buildings.—Twenty-six sets of plans for 183 new buildings were approved during November, and of these fifteen sets were submitted by foreigners and eleven by Chinese.

Summons.—On the 27th instant, Yao Zo-pao was summoned at the Mixed Court for having failed to provide proper drainage and to lay 6-in. of concrete under floors of five native houses off the Connaught Road (near Cadastral Lot 6,232). The Court allowed him sixteen days in which to comply with the Building Rules.

Dangerous Structures.—Fourteen notices and five second notices as to dangerous structures have been issued.

Drainage to New Buildings.—The following table shows lengths of drains of various sizes laid on private property by the Department during the month:—

Heading.	Unit.	Districts.				Total.
		W.	C.	N.	E.	
12" Pipe Drain	ft. run	168	56	128	24	376
9" Pipe Drain	"	76	2	4	116	198
6" Pipe Drain	"	—	—	12	38	50
4" Pipe Drain	"	—	—	—	6	6
Yard Gullies	Nos.	12	4	8	11	35
Manholes	"	11	3	5	6	25
Main drain connections ..	"	—	—	—	—	—

Survey Work.—Official measurements of new land lots attended during the month 61
Cadastral certificates issued 53
Consular lots surveyed 8
Surveys made in connexion with road widenings and/or extensions. 21
Lots examined to ascertain whether they included roads or waterways which are or may in future be of use to the public 54

M. C. R. stones have been erected as follows:—

Central District	6	stones.
Eastern	21	"
Outside limits	124	"
Total	151	"

Miscellaneous.—The average number of labourers employed during the month, exclusive of contract work, has been 2,071 as against 1,807 during November 1907.

Works Completed on Road Widenings and Extensions.—Works have been completed on Myburgh Road, Ferry Road, Hart Road, Singapore Road, Penang Road, Tonquin Road, Sinza Road, Haiphong Road, Peking Road, Shanse Road, Honan Road, Baikal Road, Dixwell Road, haoufoong Road, North Honan Road, Miller Road, North Chekiang Road, North Thibet Road and Range Road, as shown by the following table:—

Heading.	Unit	Districts.				Total.
		W.	C.	N.	E.	
<i>Drainage.</i>						
Tidal ditches made ...	ft. run	310				310
3'0" culverts laid	"	54				54
4'6" culverts laid	"				52	52
1'6" x 1'0" sewers laid ...	"	594				594
9" sewers laid	"	64				64
6" drains laid	"	226	16			242
Street gullies laid... ..	Nos.	12	1			13
Brick manholes constructed	"	10				10
Retaining walls constructed ..	"	5				5
<i>Roads.</i>						
Bricking	ft. sup.		1196	120		1316
Metalling	"		2254	7500		9754
Kerb and channel laid	ft. run	60	80	27		167
Kerb and channel relaid ...	"			65		65
Channel laid (Soochow granite)	"			36		36
Chippaved carriageways laid	ft. sup.				12900	12900
Forming	"	225200				225200
<i>Footpavements.</i>						
Concrete paving laid	ft. sup.		1895	871		2766
Chippaved footways laid ...	"			160		160
Macadam footways laid ...	"	750				750
<i>Miscellaneous.</i>						
Iron poles and railing	ft. run	70				70
Street nameplates fixed ...	Nos.	4				4

Works Completed on Existing Roads.—The following is a tabulated statement of the different works completed during the month:—

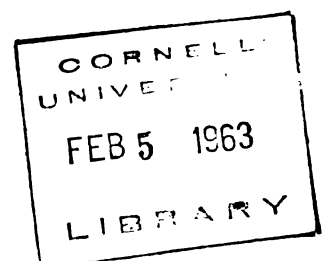
Heading.	Unit.	Districts.				Total.
		W.	C.	N.	E.	
<i>Drainage.</i>						
Tidal ditches cleaned ...	ft. run	11939			600	12539
Sewers cleaned ...	"		3271	570		3841
3'0" x 2'0" concrete sewers laid	"			762		762
3'0" x 2'0" brick sewers re-						
paired ...	"			5		5
1'6" x 1'0" sewers repaired	"			33		33
1'6" x 1'0" sewers relaid	"			8		8
12" sewers laid ...	"			4		4
9" sewers laid ...	"			30		30
6" drain laid ...	"			110	46	156
4" drain laid ...	"			20		20
Street gullies renewed ...	Nos.	2		2		4
Brick manholes constructed	"			5		5
<i>Roads.</i>						
Metalling ...	ft. sup.	28810	67796	63312	111270	271188
Stone kerb and channel laid	ft. run			471	300	771
Stone kerb and channel relaid	"				67	67
Channel (Soochow granite) laid	"	26				26
Chippaved margins laid ...	ft. sup.		4787	5716	130	10633
Chippaved margins repaired...	"			3890		3890
Chippaved carriageways relaid	"	7044		11520		18564
Rolling and sanding ...	"	31590		36823		68413
Macadam roads repaired ...	"	182	7190	10024		17396
<i>Footpavement.</i>						
Concrete paving laid ...	ft. sup.			105	15946	16051
Concrete paving repaired ...	"		31			31
Chippaved footways laid ...	"			325	270	595
Macadam footways repaired	"	4002				4002
<i>Miscellaneous.</i>						
Public gas lamps erected ...	Nos.	1				1
Gas, water and other trenches						
opened ...	ft. run	383	590	1920	583	3476
Electricity poles erected ...	Nos.	3	6	2		11
Telephone poles erected	"	16	43			59

CHAS. MAYNE, Engineer & Surveyor.

Summary of Revenue for November.

Description	Estimate	1908			1907			1906		
		Number	Amount	Total from January 1.	Number	Amount	Total from January 1.	Number	Amount	Total from January 1.
LAND TAX.....	Tls. 683,520	—	Tls. cts. 1,918.04	Tls. cts. 684,327.78	—	Tls. cts. 400.62	Tls. cts. 449,554.15	—	Tls. cts. 210.65	Tls. cts. 400,378.94
GENERAL MUNICIPAL RATE—										
Foreign.....	443,000	—	52,743.54	426,298.09	—	30,716.76	335,795.24	—	40,781.91	307,727.67
Native.....	665,000	—	59,988.60	594,647.02	—	42,851.11	510,637.65	—	38,051.67	476,816.00
WHARFAGE DUES.....	175,000	—	—	121,249.41	—	—	139,620.19	—	—	156,349.41
LICENSE FEES—										
Foreign Hotel and Tavern..	6,500	1	82.00	6,251.08	1	65.00	5,450.25	2	10.00	5,814.67
Foreign Liquor Seller	18,500	1	20.00	18,323.04	1	20.00	18,697.19	2	80.00	18,915.28
Restaurant	4,700	1	30.00	4,760.00	1	10.00	4,660.00	3	75.00	5,215.00
Billiard and Bowling Saloon	700	—	—	667.50	1	6.50	690.00	—	—	6.100
Native Lodging-house	5,800	10	54.00	6,644.23	8	37.94	4,756.47	11	31.20	4,283.09
Native wine-shop	9,500	223	683.00	9,929.96	447	1,029.66	7,566.23	368	831.30	7,406.64
Tea-shop	5,700	589	522.47	5,402.31	552	479.79	4,976.63	513	451.40	4,895.18
Foreign Theatre	1,200	24	290.00	2,039.00	20	242.00	1,507.35	15	182.00	1,308.50
Native Theatre	3,000	22	349.00	3,410.00	21	217.00	2,507.50	22	215.00	2,223.00
Pawn-shop	17,500	216	3,756.37	16,881.31	191	3,850.04	17,342.28	—	—	11,359.56
Opium-shop	4,000	130	626.93	5,137.13	87	352.17	3,934.01	103	427.99	5,023.25
Opium-house	58,000	971	3,234.77	45,279.86	1,476	4,956.96	56,117.73	1,706	5,539.93	59,756.04
Cargo Boat	5,800	742	469.45	4,834.12	894	530.19	5,308.55	978	542.09	5,515.64
Ferry and Passenger Boat...	1,100	65	95.94	1,013.33	62	92.26	1,077.92	70	104.10	1,078.65
Steam Launch.....	2,200	42	67.99	2,173.27	48	77.39	2,128.22	47	69.94	1,779.86
Native Boat.....	3,800	1,457	274.57	3,373.88	1,278	290.94	3,518.55	1,464	307.91	3,544.22
Sampan.....	1,600	192	141.65	1,378.38	250	186.27	1,573.08	284	211.11	1,845.57
Private-owned Pony and Carriage	14,000	P. 61 C. 56	248.22	14,911.36	P. 56 C. 48	140.24	11,771.57	P. 79 C. 55	169.04	11,598.87
Livery Stable	25,000	P. 723 C. 553	2,165.45	25,477.21	P. 783 C. 611	2,398.69	27,336.23	P. 848 C. 679	2,647.09	30,212.35
Motor Car.....	2,100	5	27.00	2,393.34	10	31.01	1,510.36	5	16.35	1,049.38
Cart	17,000	949	1,149.57	14,769.81	1,035	1,304.12	15,610.36	1,024	1,298.37	14,858.02
Private-owned Ricsha	40,000	195	372.94	36,940.64	330	312.70	31,326.05	196	278.23	31,257.31
Public Ricsha	95,000	8,462	9,336.55	98,353.24	8,078	9,119.44	99,155.30	8,190	9,128.05	97,924.06
Sedan-chair	5,800	6	13.36	5,379.27	30	63.58	5,743.88	18	38.93	6,677.64
Wheel-barrow	37,000	7,127	2,649.02	30,534.93	7,481	3,167.08	33,988.76	7,805	3,314.34	31,574.04
Firearms	10,000	—	—	2,025.00	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dog	800	36	26.57	948.86	19	14.14	801.69	25	18.57	890.52
RENT OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTIES—										
Markets.....	35,000	3,130	3,163.69	32,997.67	2,762	3,017.89	29,303.72	2,318	2,472.03	25,169.49
Town Hall	1,000	—	—	295.00	—	—	2,741.00	—	792.72	1,450.00
Firemen's Quarters.....	1,400	—	169.00	1,558.00	—	71.00	1,291.00	—	127.00	1,541.00
Cadastral Lot 168 C.	700	—	—	700.00	—	350.00	3,413.30	—	—	—
FROM PUBLIC COMPANIES—										
Gas Co., Ltd.	6,000	—	506.64	5,455.02	—	491.96	4,656.10	—	—	—
Mutual Telephone Co., Ltd...	7,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Electric Construction Co., Ltd.	15,000	—	—	7,176.81	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total Tls.	2,429,920		145,176.63	2,243,916.86		106,893.98	1,846,068.85		138,423.97	1,736,159.85

A. JOHNSFORD,
Overseer of Taxes.



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